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Animal houses no more

Universities cracking down on rowdy festivities
City Coun. Adam Vaughan trying to impose stricter rules on several U of T fraternities, which he says are terrorizing neighbours with their raucous parties

Cheap booze and crammed residence rooms may be a thing of the past for some university students, as several Canadian schools ramp up efforts to rein in destructive bashes.

Ryerson University officials say they're taking steps to discipline students after an "out-of-control" party in one residence building racked up a $4,000 cleaning bill.

Some University of Toronto students lost access to their residence common room for several weeks after revellers smashed windows and broke a bathroom door.

Student housing manager Chad Nuttall says Ryerson may implement community billing or remove guest privileges for students living on the damaged floor.

Students ravaged the sixth floor of a residence building on Feb. 2 after staff crashed their party, Nuttall says.

A big chunk of the $4,000 bill went to deep-cleaning vomit out of carpets and sweeping up broken glass. If no one comes forward to take responsibility for the damage, the entire floor may be billed for the costs as a last resort, Nuttall says.

Rights, or lack thereof

- Toby Whitfield, the president of the Ryerson students' union, says Ontario students living in residence are excluded from the majority of Ontario's Landlord and Tenant Act.
- "The reality is that residence students don't really have any rights," Whitfield said.
- The union is working with other student groups to get the act amended, he said.

Ryerson's residence policy outlaws parties the host is unable to control.

Suzie Marchelewicz, a residence student at the University of Toronto, says staff locked up the second-floor common room and posted a list of items that had been broken, which included five bathroom windows, a hallway mirror and the bathroom door.

"People get drunk and rowdy and think breaking stuff is funny," she said.

"They're not the ones who end up paying for it because they usually don't get caught." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Libya. Clashes

▶ A child of an army soldier holds his gun in the air as pro-Gadhafi soldiers and supporters gather to celebrate in Tripoli, Libya, yesterday.

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Gadhafi loyalists bring on firepower

Supporters of Moammar Gadhafi escalated their counteroffensive yesterday with artillery, rockets and gunfire to stop rebel forces from reaching Tripoli. They also tried to take on the opposition in two cities close to the capital. Story, page 8.

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▶ Defensive lineman prospect Junior Turner goes through some drills yesterday.

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Players hope to stand out and make it big

Top-rated university football players performed for scouts at the annual CFL evaluation camp yesterday. Canadian students across North America came out to the Varsity Centre at the University of Toronto over the weekend to perform and be evaluated by coaches and scouts from the Canadian Football League.

Seized funds spent on mayors' glitzy galas

Mayors Fennell and McCallion sat on board that gave money to their annual events ◐ Neither gala is a registered charity ◐ Fennell's gala committee did not disclose its finances until recently

The Peel Police Services Board has bought tens of thousands of dollars worth of tickets to private mayoral galas in Brampton and Mississauga, using "proceeds of crime" that in Ontario typically go to victim and crime prevention programs.

The tickets were purchased over the years while mayors Susan Fennell of Brampton and Hazel McCallion of Mississauga sat on the board, with the approval of Peel Region chair Emil Kolb, who also heads the police board.

Minutes show, for example, that the board approved buying a $4,000 table at Fennell's gala on Feb. 20 last year, on Fennell's invitation. A month before the gala took place, Jim Murray, then a board member, put forward a motion to buy a second table. It was approved.

A big player in Mississauga's real estate market and close friend of McCallion, Murray is one of the organizers of her annual arts gala. In 2008, Fennell moved that the police board buy a $6,000 table for McCallion's gala that November.

Murray rejected any suggestion that there was a quid pro quo between them, saying, "That's just insulting."

Similar purchases were approved every year going back to 2006 for Fennell's gala and at least 2000 for McCallion's gala. McCallion and Murray no longer sit on the police board, and Fennell did not respond to a request for comment.

Kolb, who has chaired the police board since 1996, acknowledged that the board routinely approves such purchases but points out that it's not tax-generated dollars being spent.

"It's funds that come from crime funds. Not one red cent is taxpayer dollars."

Kolb said the money

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▶ Susan Fennell

spent on tickets by the Peel police board has come out of its Special Fund, which he said is used to support things such as long service awards and children's organizations. Asked how the mayors' galas fit into those categories, he said there's a specific policy about charities.

"I thought these were charities."

Neither gala is, in fact, a registered charity.

Financial statements for McCallion's gala, billed as an arts fundraiser, reveal that 80 per cent of the ticket price went to cover costs for the swanky events. Only a third of the remaining 20 per cent of receipts went directly to arts groups. There is also the possibility that the city improperly issued charitable receipts for donations that did not go directly to the city.

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Journalist uses G20 images for exhibit

A photojournalist detained during the G20 protests has turned the negatives from that experience into an art exhibit.

Newspaper photographer Brett Gundlock was arrested June 26 while photographing police advancing on protesters at Queen's Park.

The exhibit is called Prisoners: The casualties of Canada's largest mass arrest. It is a collection of 20 faces and 20 stories and will be on display at the Communication Art Gallery on Harbord Street from March 11 to 31. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Dundas St. W. reopens

Dundas Street West from McCaul Street to St. Patrick subway station reopened yesterday after being closed due to a gas leak. Dundas streetcars, which had been diverted due to the police investigation, returned to their normal routes yesterday afternoon.

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One dead after fire truck, cars collide

Peel Regional Police are investigating a three-vehicle crash in Mississauga that has left one person dead.

The crash happened around noon yesterday and involved a fire truck and two other cars, Peel police say.

News reports say the fire truck was driving through a red light with sirens on when it was cut off by a car, leading the truck to T-bone the vehicle. Britannia Road was closed between Mavis Road and east of McLaughlin Road while the investigation took place.

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Three weeks after Mubarak's exit, Egyptian anger turns toward state security agency.

Wet weather in Toronto breaks record

- Wind gusts measured close to 50 kilometres per hour
- Rain turned to snow, reducing visibility on roads

After receiving a record rainfall Saturday, GTA residents awoke to a blanket of slushy snow yesterday morning.

Large chunks of wet snow started to fall around 11 p.m. Saturday, but only after the city was drenched with 18.4 millimetres of rain — making it the wettest March 5 on record, said Environment Canada.

The previous record dated back to 1959, when the city saw 16.3 mm of rain.

Along with the change in precipitation, the city has also experienced serious temperature fluctuation.

Environment Canada recorded a temperature of -6 C on Sunday at 7 a.m., significantly colder than the 3 C seen the day before at the same time.

The quick transition from rain to snow and warm to cold caused a flash freeze on roads.

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More rain

Forecast The long-term forecast shows a short reprieve from wet weather, but rain and snow are expected back in Toronto by mid-week.

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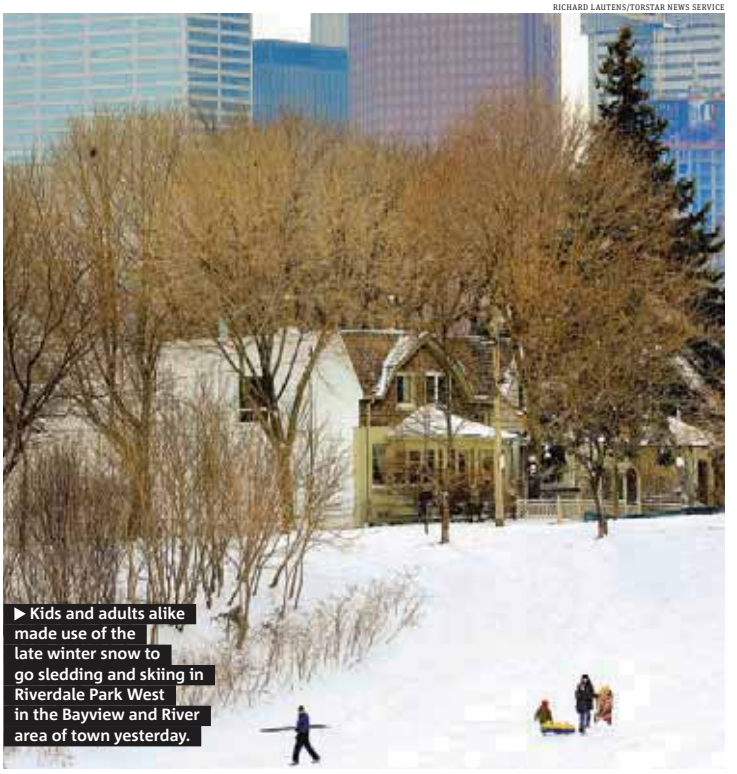

Kids and adults alike made use of the late winter snow to go sledding and skiing in Riverdale Park West in the Bayview and River area of town yesterday.

Lobbyist tarred in MFP affair was active in election

Jeff Lyons, the once-powerful lobbyist virtually banished from Toronto City Hall after being tarred by the MFP scandal, was politically active during the civic election and appears to be attempting a comeback.

Lyons, known as Brother Jeff in his city hall heyday, before Justice Denise Bellamy released her 2005 computer leasing inquiry report, helped raise funds for Rob Ford's successful mayoral campaign — on his own initiative, say Ford advisers.

"He sold some tables at some dinners and practically vaulted over them to try to get a photo with Rob," said an adviser, speaking on background. "He may be putting out there that he has special access, but he doesn't," the adviser said.

In November, after Ford's win, Lyons wrote for the Toronto Sun advising the mayor on how to become "a leader in public transportation in North America." It identified him only as a past TTC chair.

Lyons has also raised eyebrows by putting the name of lobbyist Sean Hill, a former executive assistant to Coun. Joe Mihevc, on his Lyons Group website. Hill, who has his own lobbying firm, said in an interview that the two "are working together on a few files," not related to city government. It's possible they will lobby city officials in the future, Hill said, but he's seeking such contracts on his own.

Lyons was also very active in east-end ward races, although not always welcome.

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Former lobbyist Jeff Lyons testifies at the MFP inquiry.

Response

Funds In response to questions, Jeff Lyons wrote in an email: "I did not donate to the Ford campaign and was not asked to raise funds. I registered as a lobbyist at the City of Toronto as an abundance of caution but I do not represent any clients presently. I have no further comment."

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Lack of child care costing Canada: Report

Skilled workforce increasingly female Canada needs policy to help women balance career, motherhood: YWCA

Unless more men start raising babies Canada is going to be a poorer place, says a new report that looks at problems facing mothers in the workforce.

The alternative is to launch a national child-care program, says the report by YWCA Canada. It is due to be released today, the day before International Women's Day.

"The prosperity of the nation is intimately tied to the labour force participation of an educated, skilled workforce that is becoming increasingly female," says the report.

"Barring a major shift of men into child-rearing, provision of early learning and child-care services (are) essential to the nation's future economic prosperity."

The issue hits home with Ryerson University student and new mother Jennifer Kim, 29, who has a university degree in science and a college diploma. She hopes to return to class next fall to complete a degree in early childhood education and eventually work in the field of music for young children.

Kim's husband has a good job as a computer software developer but the couple can't afford both her school expenses and regulated child-care fees of up to $60 a day. With more than 18,000 children on Toronto's waiting list for subsidized child care, Kim's options are limited.

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Program needed

- A national daycare program was one of the key recommendations of the 1970 Royal Commission on the Status of Women. Yet, regulated child care today is available for just 20 per cent of children under age five.
- The YWCA report notes the number of women employed in Canada more than doubled between 1976 and 2009, to more than 7.7 million.

Masked. March

▶ Masked Busho men carry a coffin while marching through the town of Mohacs during the annual Busho Carnival in southern Hungary.

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Tradition bids to scare invaders

The Busho Carnival is an end-of-winter tradition that dates back to the 16th century and the beginning of Hungary's occupation by the Ottoman empire. Men who lived in the town of Mohacs, and who were of the Sokac ethnic group (related to Croatians), would dress up in sheep fur and wooden masks in a bid to frighten off their Turkish invaders.

79% Almost 79 per cent of women with children between the ages of six and 15 are employed – almost the same rate for childless women.

Mothers working

Employment for women with infants and toddlers hit 64.4 per cent in 2009, up from 27.6 per cent in 1976, according to a report released by YWCA Canada.

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Gadhafi loyalists step up strikes on rebel forces

Protesters have set up interim governing council urging international airstrikes on regime's strongholds

Forces loyal to Moammar Gadhafi, some in helicopter gunships, pounded opposition fighters with artillery, rockets and gunfire yesterday, dramatically escalating their counteroffensive to halt the rebels' rapid advance toward the capital.

They also battled to loosen the grip of rebels on two cities close to Tripoli. But in at least one case, their tactics appeared to lead them into a trap.

Residents said pro-Gadhafi troops punched into the city of Misrata, 200 kilometres east of Tripoli, the capital, with mortars and tanks but were pushed out five hours later by rebel forces. The rebel commanders intentionally opened the way for government tanks to enter the city, then surrounded them and attacked with anti-aircraft guns and mortars, said Abdel Fatah al-Misrati, one of the rebels.

"Our spirits are high," al-Misrati said. "The regime is struggling and what is happening is a desperate attempt to survive and crush the opposition. But the rebels are in control of the city."

As fighting across Libya grew more fierce, the international community appeared to be struggling to put military muscle behind its demands for Gadhafi to give up power.

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Power struggle

- Libya appears to be sliding toward a civil war that could drag out for weeks, or even months.
- Both sides seem to be relatively weak and poorly trained, though Gadhafi's forces have the advantage in numbers and equipment.
- The conflict took a turn late last week when government opponents, backed by mutinous army units, went on the offensive.
- At the same time, pro-Gadhafi forces have conducted counteroffensives to try to retake the towns and oil ports the rebels have captured since they moved out of the rebel-held east.

Homegrown. Protest

▶ Protesters gather at yesterday's Today, I Am A Muslim, Too rally to protest against a planned congressional hearing on the role of Muslims in homegrown terrorism in the U.S.

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Radical measures

The chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives' homeland security committee, Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., says affiliates of al-Qaida are radicalizing some American Muslims and that he plans to hold hearings on the threat they pose to the U.S.

Black-sheep reputation dogs prince

As Buckingham Palace prepares to celebrate the wedding of Prince William, officials are rushing to contain a flurry of negative publicity from the side of the family that has long been a source of embarrassment.

Prince Andrew, the queen's second son, is friends with a convicted sex offender. He has also been accused of having close ties to Moammar Gadhafi's regime in Libya.

And his hosting of the son of the Tunisian dictator, shortly before a popular uprising drove him from power, have all led to calls for the Duke of York to be stripped of his role as special U.K. trade ambassador. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Climate change will hit small polluters hardest: Study

A new study suggests climate change will have the greatest impact on the populations least responsible for causing the problem.

The McGill University study says countries with low carbon dioxide emissions tend to be more vulnerable to climate change.

Researchers found hot, low-latitude countries are the most likely to feel the effects over the next several decades.

The study predicts a small rise in temperature in parts of South America, the Arabian Peninsula and much of Africa will make it difficult to sustain a growing population.

The study combined climate change data with census data covering close to 97 per cent of the world's population..

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Wildlife. Ralph's rescue

▶ Hope Swinimer carries Ralph the pelican from his temporary home at a wildlife rehabilitation centre in Seaforth, N.S., yesterday.

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Free as a bird in sanctuary

The pelican, discovered outside a Halifax strip club named Ralph's, was placed in a van for a three-day trip to a wildlife sanctuary in North Carolina. Ralph ended up in Halifax last fall after being swept off course by hurricane Earl.

Accused rapist attempts suicide: Police

17 Police said DNA confirmed an unemployed truck driver is the East Coast Rapist, suspected in at least 17 attacks on women.

The man suspected of terrorizing women with sexual assaults in at least four U.S. states over 12 years tried to hang himself in his cell on Saturday, but survived and was treated at a hospital, police said.

Aaron Thomas was returned to jail after a brief hospital stay. He is scheduled to appear in court in Connecticut today.

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Gulf states look at bailouts

Gulf Arab officials are considering setting up a fund that would help Bahrain and Oman deal with some of the issues that have helped stoke unrest in those countries, an official with the Gulf Co-operation Council said yesterday. The plan calls for a hefty contribution by the four wealthier GCC member states — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar — that would target a housing shortage and unemployment.

The financial boost is seen as pivotal for Bahrain and Oman, whose concurrent protests have brought political turmoil to Saudi Arabia's doorstep. It also threatens to test the region's monarchies, with demonstrators calling for greater accountability by the rulers and more direct participation in government by the people.

Unrest in oil-rich Saudi Arabia is particularly worrisome for many, since violence in Libya has rattled oil markets and even the perception that supplies from Saudi Arabia could be disrupted would be enough to send shock waves through global oil markets.

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China vows sweeping economic reforms

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▶ Zhang Ping, chairman of China's National Development and Reform Commission, waves to reporters yesterday after outlining the new five-year plan in Beijing's Great Hall of the People.

Focus on technology, raising wages, boosting household spending

China is promising an economic overhaul that would raise the status of consumers and entrepreneurs.

Beijing wants to nurture self-sustaining growth driven by consumption and develop service and high-tech industries, Premier Wen Jiabao said in a weekend speech outlining goals for 2011. But that will require reining in elite state industry and other changes that might trigger a backlash within the Communist Party, hurdles Wen avoided mentioning.

The changes could drive China's economy from low-cost factory into major consumer market. That in turn might help to narrow a yawning gap between rich and poor and ease its trade surplus by boosting consumer demand for imports.

"In the next five-year plan period, we will focus on improving people's livelihood."

ZHANG PING, CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND REFORM COMMISSION

But to achieve its goals, Beijing has to cut subsidies and low-cost bank loans to state companies.

"It looks great on the surface but it isn't clear whether they have the political capital or will to push through those changes," said Alistair Thornton, analyst for IHS Global Insight.

"A lot of it is economic — changes in interest rates, cheap land and so on. But a lot of it is political and tackling those vested interests."

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GAY FOOTBALL EARNS ITS BONA FIDES

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ANDREW WALLACE

Creating Toronto's first gay football team sounded like a kind of mission impossible to Ken Scott.

He'd played other organized, more gay-friendly sports like softball, volleyball and bowling — but football had always been his true sporting love.

So two years ago he put the word out as best he could and started to show up every Saturday afternoon at a small patch of grass just east of the Village with cones to mark the field, a couple of footballs to toss around and flags for everybody who wanted to play. Most days, he was lucky to have enough players for four or five a side.

"There was every other gay sport in the city, but I wanted to play football," said Scott, over a beer and nachos at a local pub. "A lot of gay men are discouraged from playing football at a young age, so I thought having a gay-positive league would provide a more nurturing environment for guys to learn the game and try something new."

The players weren't very good, most had barely, if ever, played before, turned off by the often-homophobic vibe associated with aggressive and decidedly straight games like football. But every time they stepped onto the field they stayed out till sundown.

After that inaugural season word spread throughout the gay community. A group of regulars formed an executive committee, calling themselves the Toronto Gay Football League (TGFL), and named Scott commissioner. They made a Facebook page, hosted bar nights and asked their friends to come out and give gay football a chance.

"A couple weeks before the second season started we were wondering if we'd get enough players for even three teams," says Scott. "But then, all of a sudden, we had an influx! We had so many people come out. I thought, where did all these people come from?"

In just one year, the TGFL jumped from a rag-tag crew to a bona fide league. They moved to a proper field just off the Danforth and found sponsors to outfit each of the five teams with uniforms. The executive organized skills-building clinics, trained referees and even hosted regular social events.

"We want to provide that kind of community for the players," says James Scott (no relation), one of the TGFL's founding members. "Even in a progressive city like Toronto, you would have to edit yourself in a straight league. So we try to create a friendly, stress-free environment where we can completely be ourselves."

This year the TGFL is looking to expand to eight or nine teams. South of the border there is the already-established National Gay Football League, and Scott's cohort plans to send the first ever Canadian contingent to its signature event, the Gay Bowl. Those close to the TGFL say it will keep growing until everybody who wants to play football can, no matter their sexual orientation. Because, for them, that's what sport is really about.

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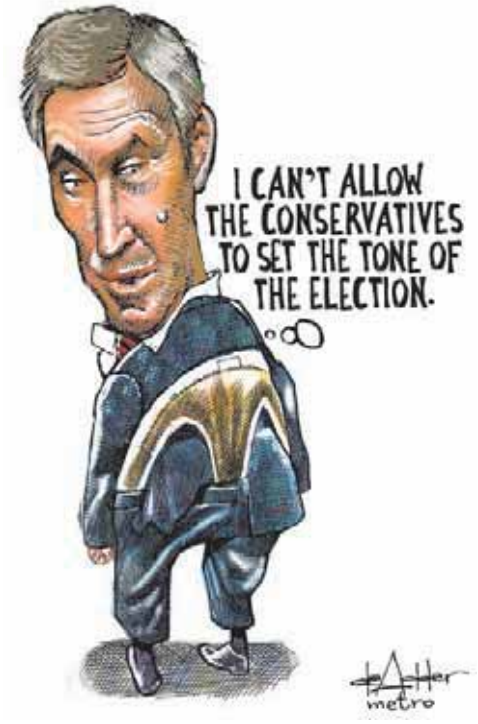
MICHAEL DE ADDER



Stuck in the Middleton

Letters & Tweets

RE: Paul Sullivan's column, Family has become a royal bore, published February 23, 2011.

TORONTO. Just thinking about newspaper study, when I was a student — and the expectations — I wondered about a statement recently in the column by Paul Sullivan — about the Prince William and Kate being rather boring — would much rather that this had been edited out — not a nice thing to hear, or for anyone to say.

We have "freedom of speech" — in theory — but not to be rude.

CATHERINE

We asked: Do you really care about the royal wedding?

TORONTO. My answer is NO. I have more No's to add. I am a proud Canadian citizen now. But the issues affecting my pride are:

1. How many flags do we need as Canadian flags? Abolish all province flags and keep only the Canadian flag. Allow only Canadian flag in Canada, not any other countries' flags.

2. Put a final referendum for Quebec and ask them if they want to be a Canadian province or a separate nation. Once they are in treat Quebec as any Canadian province.

3. Remove the British monarchy from over our heads. We need a referendum for that. It's the biggest "gravy train" we have. **JO THOMAS**

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▶ Check out the new Amy Winehouse spring line at Fred Perry (964 Queen St. W.) for the only new material she's released in years.

With all the headlines about her messy life, it's easy to forget that British songstress Amy Winehouse possesses both a tremendous musical talent — and sense of personal style.

Beehives and ballerina flats may not be everyone's cup of Darjeeling, but paired with fashion line Fred Perry, she's cranked out a fun, retro, '50s-inspired line that's perfect for spring (even if our weather isn't).

Amy may have won a bunch of Grammys for Back in Black but she seems to have cheered up a little: her kicky prints, bright pinks, and Hawaiian frocks debut today at Mr. Perry's Queen Street boutique. If only she'd put out some new tunes. **JORDANA DIVON**

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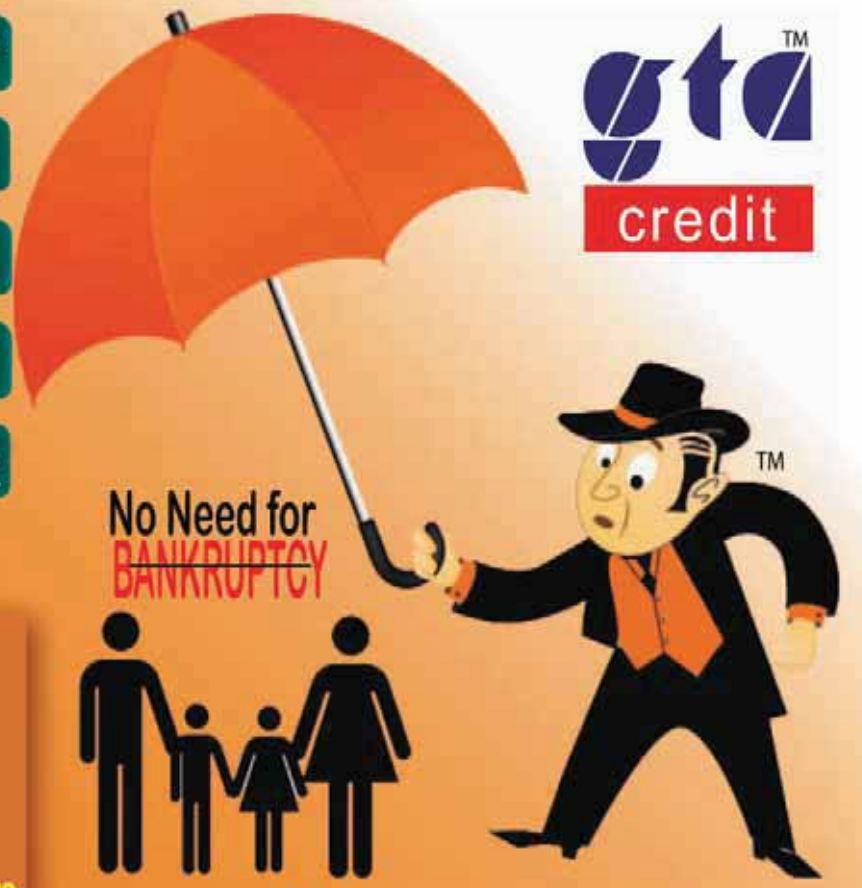

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Brazil. Nothing can stop Carnival.

▶ Members of the Mocidade Alegre samba school march in their parade during Carnival celebrations in Sao Paulo, Brazil, yesterday. Millions of Brazilians are enjoying the sights and sounds of the parade of samba groups during Carnival celebrations in Brazil.

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A little fire is not going to stop samba groups from celebrating Carnival

Despite a fire in early February that ripped through warehouses where three elite samba groups were preparing for Carnival, incinerating more than 8,000 costumes and many of the massive, meticulously decorated floats, the Rio de Janeiro groups were able to join in on Brazil's festivities. The citizens of Rio rallied to help all three groups remake what was lost. This year's Carnival went on as planned for thousands of participants who put on one of the world's most spectacular shows: two nights of lavish parades that took place yesterday in Rio's Sambadrome stadium and are watched by millions in Brazil and abroad. For more, scan the code at right or visit metronews.ca.

News in brief

1 Terrence Howard won the award for outstanding supporting actor in a drama series for Law & Order: Los Angeles at the 42nd NAACP Image Awards on Friday.

2 Halle Berry won the award for outstanding actress in a motion picture for Frankie & Alice.

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Long road inspires Cockburn

When Bruce Cockburn first began crafting his 30th record, he planned to embark on a pretty radical departure.

The 11-time Juno Award winner decided he would temporarily leave his signature literate, intricate folk-rock in the dust and embark on an entirely unfamiliar road.

"I had this notion that I wanted to do something different — after 29 albums of songs, at that point, it was time to do something else," the 65-year-old Cockburn said in a telephone interview from San Francisco.

What, exactly, did he have in mind?

"In the beginning, when I wasn't really myself yet, I played in rock bands. And I missed the noise sometimes. I missed the power of volume," he said. "I've never allowed myself to improvise much ... yet I love improvised music.

"But what happened, of course, was I ended up spending a lot of time with my girlfriend, as people do, in little apartments,

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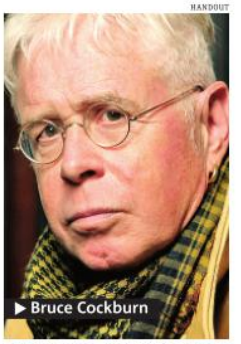

▶ Bruce Cockburn

where you can't just crank your amps and have your neighbours not lynch you.

So the songs that came out just all went in the direction of an acoustic guitar, pretty much."

Yet while he's steered back to familiar terrain, the tunes that comprise Small Source of Comfort do not represent a compromise for the Ottawa folkie.

As he often does, he found inspiration on the road.

Songs including Boundless, Five Fifty-One and The Iris of the World not only incorporate travel imagery into Cockburn's thoughtful-as-always lyrics, but also bounce, roll and churn forward with an ambling rhythm that really does call to mind the expanse of the open road.

"The album was very affected by long-distance driving," said Cockburn, who found himself regularly shuffling between Kingston, Ont., and Brooklyn, N.Y., where his girlfriend lived before moving to San Francisco.

"That's probably the single biggest theme that shows up in the lyrics.

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Dollars and Sense

Kids look to their parents to learn how to handle money

When Laurie Campbell took her 12-year-old daughter and a friend of her daughter's to the mall near their Toronto home recently, the friend said she had to spend all of the money she had with her. When Campbell asked why, the little girl replied, "Because if I don't, it'll burn a hole in my pocket!"

Campbell figures the tween picked up that phrase from her parents. "Children are very impressionable," she says. "The cornerstone to having children grow up to become successful money managers is for parents to teach them age-appropriate lessons about money throughout their childhood."

Campbell is the executive director of Credit Canada, a not-for-profit credit counselling and debt management service. She's used to dealing with adults who often have spent years wracking up debt. She insists there's a direct connection between how parents manage (or mismanage) their money and whether their children will grow up to do the same.

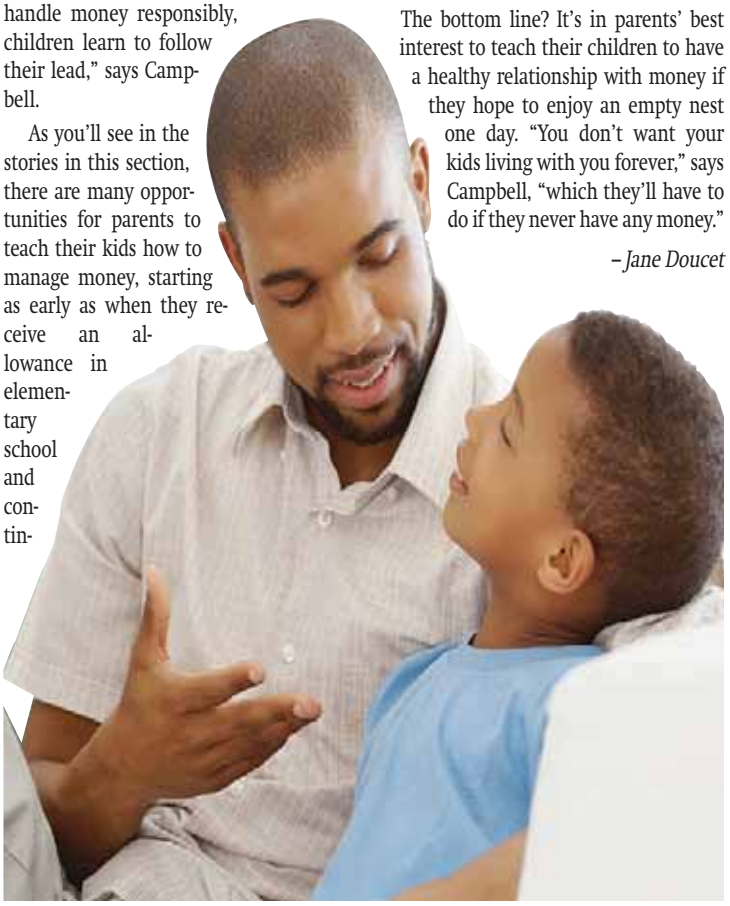
"Children aren't born knowing how to use money wisely," says Campbell. "It takes years of patient teaching and guidance to help them learn to become effective money managers."

While schools spend some time teaching basic financial skills, the home is the main influence on kids' attitudes toward cash. "If parents handle money responsibly, children learn to follow their lead," says Campbell.

As you'll see in the stories in this section, there are many opportunities for parents to teach their kids how to manage money, starting as early as when they receive an allowance in elementary school and continuing when they earn dollars for babysitting or delivering newspapers.

The bottom line? It's in parents' best interest to teach their children to have a healthy relationship with money if they hope to enjoy an empty nest one day. "You don't want your kids living with you forever," says Campbell, "which they'll have to do if they never have any money."

– Jane Doucet



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Save, spend or share?

Some kids don't mind putting money away for a rainy day

If you're human, you've grappled with that tricky push-pull of knowing when to save your money versus when to spend it. So how can parents teach that complicated thought process to their kids? By letting them be responsible for their own piggy bank or bank account, advises Laura Thomas, a financial literacy educator in Delta, B.C.

"Kids need to have money they feel is their own," says Thomas, who blogs about financial literacy and posts educational videos about the subject on YouTube. "They need that sense of control."

While hovering over every cent children handle isn't wise, parents should be available to offer guidance and advice. To help kids distinguish the difference between a want and a need, Thomas recommends the following exercise: go to a grocery or big-box store and ask your child to think about how many things in the store they can live without. She also recommends teaching kids to divvy up their earnings and gift money by spending a certain percentage and saving the rest.

That's what 13-year-old Jayden Kauffman of Langley, B.C., does. He earns money babysitting and cutting the lawn; so far he has saved enough to purchase the latest iPod Touch and is considering buying a laptop with the $700 he has in his bank account.

In addition to saving money for large items, Jayden is putting away funds for university, and his father helps him invest some in stocks and bonds. He also donates a portion of his earnings to Third World charities and his church.

Jayden's parents encourage his practice of spending, saving and sharing. They gave their son a box with three compartments; in it, he dedicates 80 per cent of his cash to the spend category, and 10 per cent each to the save and share categories. Although he feels good about saving and sharing, his really enjoys spending. "I like to save my money so I can buy big things," admits the Grade 8 student.

– Kelly Putter

Bank on it

Kids can grasp finance basics at an early age. The trick is making it fun.

Nicholas Thomson is a typical 10-year-old. He enjoys playing with computer games, science and hanging out with his dog, Callie. He's also proud of having a bank account. "It makes me feel older, like I've got more responsibility," he says.

Nicholas was eight when he and his mother first opened his account at a bank down the street from their Halifax home. Every week he deposits his $5 allowance in the bank himself. When he needs money to buy something, like the Lego set he bought last year, he uses his own debit card.

"Having a bank account is a great learning experience for young children," says financial advisor Keith Ramey. "It teaches them how to manage their money at an early age. It's a lesson they'll take with them throughout their life."

As president of Ramey Investments Inc. in Dartmouth, N.S., Ramey has been preaching the need for children to get financial education for decades. "I was going into schools 40 years ago to tell educators that we need to put financial planning on the curriculum," he says. "Kids are graduating from high school with no idea how to manage money. That's a huge problem."

Getting young children into savings mode is easier than it sounds; the secret is making a game out of saving. Kids love to collect stamps, dolls and model cars; they also like to sort things, catalog and hoard. By making the saving process visual and participatory using cash, coins, rollers and a piggy bank, they can derive the same kind of fun from money.

But there's more to it than just a great educational experience; there's also the magic of compound interest. "I know people who started putting $15 in the bank every week back in the 1960s who could write a cheque for $1 million today," says Ramey. "If kids start investing early in life, money and compound interest will work in their favour."

– Tom Mason

RULES OF THE GAME

- Encourage children to collect coins in a jar or piggy bank. Then, make it an occasion every month to roll the coins and take them to the bank.
- Get creative by putting up a picture of the child's savings goal on the refrigerator or door of their bedroom. Props are good too, like a fancy electric coin-rolling machine on rolling day or a piggy bank that performs some kind of action when money is deposited.
- Equate saving money with something tangible: a slow, steady progression toward a bike, a Wii console or a trip to an amusement park. College, home ownership and retirement are a long way away and hard for children to relate to. Disney World an easier concept to grasp.

Out of the mouth of kids

"It doesn't matter if you have money or not because your friends are your friends for who you are, not your money." PATRICK ALVAREZ, 10, BEAMSVILLE, ONT.

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When we have kids, everyone starts giving us advice. Part of our role as parents is separating good advice from bad, but that can be tough—especially when it concerns a subject like money. Our kids need to know what money is, and how to manage it, but what's the best way to teach them? And how soon should we begin?

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"In creating BMO SmartSteps for Parents, we've partnered with some of Canada's leading financial and parenting experts, providing topical and candid advice to help parents teach their kids about money, " says Su McVey, BMO's Vice-President, Customer Communications & Marketing. "Parents will also be able to participate in forums and have conversations with these experts, and other parents, from across the country. Everything is online, so they'll get the information they want, whenever it's most convenient for them. When they need more information, the program puts them in touch with the right people here at BMO. "

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BMO SmartSteps for Parents gives parents the tips, tools and advice needed to address this. Information on the website is provided by financial and childhood development experts, Alison Griffiths, financial author, journalist and broadcaster, and Alyson Schafer, psychotherapist. Parents can access their advice, as well as participate in forums and discussion groups, dialoguing with other parents who share their own stories.

Because a child's understanding of money develops in phases, BMO SmartSteps for Parents is divided into Ages & Stages. Each Age & Stage section includes relevant articles and webisodes, featuring real families talking about money. There are also links to age-relevant games and activities, ensuring parents and kids get the help they need at just the right time.

In the '5 – 6 Zone', parents can get help teaching their kids what money looks like, what it's used for, how to count it, and how to save for things they want. Kids in the '7 – 8 Zone' are able to spend money, so parents can get advice on teaching them how to manage it and understand the difference between wants and needs. For tweens in the '9 –12 Zone', parents will find guidance in smart spending and saving decisions, including tips about delayed gratification. And for those with teens in the '13 – 15 Zone' (the ones starting to earn real money), parents can take the lead and teach their kids how to effectively manage money and balance conflicting savings goals.

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Tips from the Pros

How soon can you start teaching your kids about money? Financial author Alison Griffiths and psychotherapist and parenting expert Alyson Schafer discuss this subject all the time—as two of the guiding minds behind BMO SmartSteps® for Parents, it's part of their job. Their conclusions might surprise you.

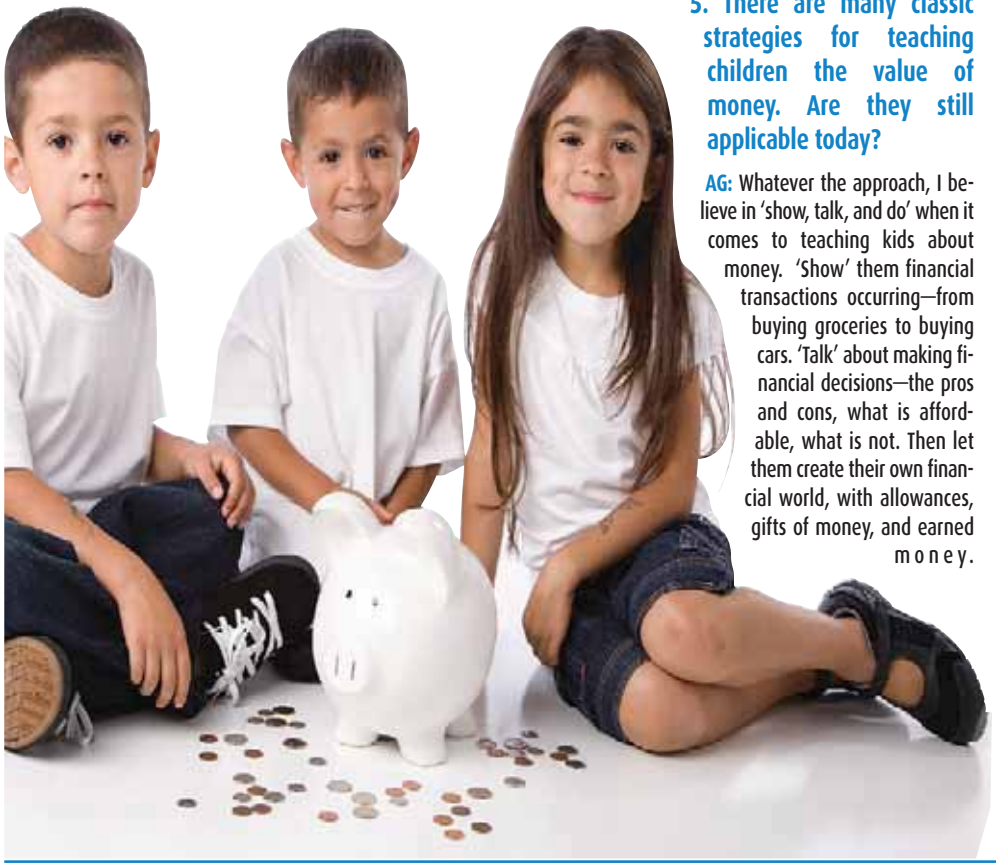
1. Can a very young child understand money?

AS: Money doesn't mean much to them. Mostly, they understand that people need money to buy things. However, even toddlers can learn more if parents teach it in a fun, age-appropriate way. For example, a three-year old might learn about the basics of transactions by carrying coins in a purse or passing money to a cashier at the grocery store.

AG: The earlier you teach children about money—by allowing them to handle it and help pay for things—the quicker they'll absorb more complex lessons later on.

2. How long does it take children to develop an 'adult concept' of money?

AS: Some never learn it. I know adults who, even at age 40, don't really grasp that money is 'finite.' That's why they don't have any. There's no better way to teach this lesson than by refusing to replace an allowance your child has lost. It may help them avoid a harder lesson later on.



3. When it comes to respecting money, do children 'learn by example'?

AG: Role models can be a powerful influence, but many kids rebel against them at some point. If you set a money-smart example, but also allow your children to make decisions and be hands-on with their money, the lesson usually sticks. Thrifty parents who do all the financial thinking for their kids don't always produce thrifty kids.

4. Is there a difference between being 'good with money' and truly understanding how it works?

AG: Being 'good with money' entails paying attention to it, which includes understanding various kinds of financial transactions. However, there's a difference between being a smart spender/diligent saver and truly understanding how credit, interest, and investing works.

5. There are many classic strategies for teaching children the value of money. Are they still applicable today?

AG: Whatever the approach, I believe in 'show, talk, and do' when it comes to teaching kids about money. 'Show' them financial transactions occurring—from buying groceries to buying cars. 'Talk' about making financial decisions—the pros and cons, what is affordable, what is not. Then let them create their own financial world, with allowances, gifts of money, and earned money. Kids must have the opportunity to handle money themselves, or they can't learn good financial behaviour.

6. Part of knowing the value of money is knowing the right time to spend it. How do you impart this complex lesson to children? You don't want them to be over-spenders... or misers.

AS: I tie everything to a budget and emphasize living within your means. Being aware of both your spending and earnings is complex enough for people of any age!

AG: Children learn when to spend and save by setting goals. Saving a year's worth of allowance for a snowboard is easier if they first saved a month's worth for a book.

7. Do parents often try to teach money concepts to children not yet old enough to grasp them?

AS: No—more often they delay starting, opting instead to focus on the classic '3 R's' (plus extra-curricular activities like piano and karate), instead.

AG: Too often we overload our kids with adult concepts. But kids' brains have their own filtering systems about money—they'll grasp what they can and ignore the rest. The best way to determine if you're giving kids information they can't understand is to ask them questions, or simply watch their financial behaviour and listen to what they say about money following the lesson.

8. Is it OK to let children make mistakes with money, just to teach them a lesson?

AS: Yes! One of my daughters took her wallet to the grocery store and somehow lost $200.00 on the way home. I didn't replace it, and now she's more careful. And my eldest told me that paying off her cellphone bill was her proudest moment, even though it took her a long time. You have money and you're responsible for it. That is life!

9. Is there any value in punishing children for wasting money?

AS: No! Children learn better without fear. Adding insult to injury does nothing; in fact, it just distances children from the cause of the punishment and focuses them on resenting you.

AG: When possible, let them make their own mistakes—after all, the punishment's built in. By blowing their savings on an impulse purchase, they have nothing left for their other wants.

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▶ For all kids know, money could grow on trees. As they get older, parents can introduce real concepts like saving, earning and spending.

Little money lies

Should you tell the truth about the "cash fairy"?

Paul Lermitte, a Vancouver-based financial planner and author of Allowances, Dollars and Sense, recalls how one of his three sons, who was seven at the time, responded when Lermitte didn't have any money with him to buy a slushie. "He told me to go to the ATM machine and get some 'free money,' " says Lermitte.

Most kids don't know where money comes from—it could grow on trees, for all they know. Many parents indulge their children's belief in the Tooth Fairy and Santa Claus, two fictional characters with a generous streak and deep pockets. But how far should the financial fibbing go? And when should parents start telling kids the truth?

"We often tell our kids what we can or can't afford and the reasons why," says Jennifer Mallory, a Hamilton, Ont., high school teacher and the mother of a seven and four-and-a-half year old. So when her daughter wanted to take part in an after-school science camp after Christmas, Mallory said no, explaining that their family has less money after Christmas because of gifts and entertaining. "I also reminded her that we value going away each summer, so it's our priority to save for that," says Mallory.

By school age, parents can start talking about spending and saving. "By about age 6, kids are interested in money, and they start participating in being consumers," says Lermitte. "From ages five to seven, you can start teaching kids about saving or earning money to spend on treats, movies or to blow on vacation."

Between ages eight and 10, parents can start involving kids in spending decisions, such as clothing purchases. With teens, parents can discuss more about the cost of purchases and salaries in relative terms; for example, which professions earn more or less. As for the Tooth Fairy and Santa? Kids will figure that out on their own when the time is right.

– Angela Pirisi

Money talks

Teaching kids about financial responsibility is all in what you say

Plenty of kids would tongue-trip on the words "financial responsibility," but that doesn't mean they shouldn't learn about it. The key to unlocking the deep, dark secret of fiscal accountability is open communication, says Preet Banerjee, a Toronto-based personal finance expert who writes about money at www.wheredoesallmymoneygo.com and will soon be hosting his own financial TV show on the W Network.

"When children don't understand that money doesn't grow on trees, it's because their parents don't share [the appropriate information] with them," says Banerjee. "I'm not talking about telling kids about variable versus fixed-rate mortgages when they're five. But you can talk to them about trade-offs. Once they understand that concept, that's half the battle."

Parents should start with simple lessons. A visit to the toy store with $10 will invariably lead to some difficult but educational opportunities for instruction on what it can buy and how best to spend it.

A former financial advisor, Banerjee often asked potential clients how they talked to their own parents about money. Many clients told him the topic caused a high level of discomfort in their households. "In a lot of families money is a taboo subject, even more than the birds and the bees," says Banerjee. "That's part of the problem." 'Banerjee believes that's one reason Canadians are currently facing a credit crisis. Some reports indicate that baby boomers approaching retirement haven't saved enough to ensure their financial stability once they stop working. So they may accumulate new credit card debt to deal with increasing inflation and cost of living; they'll then pass those debts on to their children.

Fortunately, some kids are natural savers, but they need to be reminded that you don't squirrel away cash just to accumulate a mountain of money—rather, that money is a tool for something, and savings are put away for a specific reason. Spenders need a different motivation; if they want to attend that Justin Bieber concert, they'll need to save the $100 to buy a ticket.

Contributing to the problem surrounding financial literacy is that schools barely broach the topic, though some headway is being made in a few provinces. "Part of the reason why some people are up to their eyeballs in debt and going bankrupt is because no one taught them this stuff," says Banerjee. "It's under the radar because people don't talk about it, and they should."

– Kelly Putter

DISCUSS COMPARATIVE VALUE

When children have learned addition and subtraction, discuss relative costs, such as how staying at a hotel costs more than camping.

LET KIDS HANDLE CASH

When you're in a store, let you child give the $20 bill to the cashier, so he or she can learn the concept of exchanging money for goods.

TELL THEM IT'S GOOD TO DREAM

Let your children know you're saving for their education, and that you'll need money to achieve the goals you have for them. It teaches kids to plan ahead and save for things they want.

▶ Out of the mouth of kids

"If I see something I really like, like books or sheets for my bed, I get it. I like things that last instead of a willy-nilly thing that won't last, like candy."

MEGAN YORKE, 7, SHERWOOD PARK, ALTA.

Yearn to earn

Introduce kids early to the concept of work

The reason David Fulton works is a far cry from the "me, me, me" you'd expect from a typical 13-year-old. "I love buying people gifts, and I love making other people happy," says David, a Grade 8 student in Burlington, Ont.

In fact, David, who buses tables part-time in a restaurant called Harvest Table and delivers newspapers, recently treated his family of five to an overnight stay in Niagara Falls. "The room had a great view of the Falls," he says. The cost of the hotel room? $400. The payoff for David? Priceless.

David is entering the work world at the right age, according to Kelley Keehn, an Edmonton-based financial expert who has written seven books about money. The legal age kids can work in Canada ranges from 12 to 14, depending on the province, the type of work and the hours worked.

Keehn recommends that parents start introducing their children to the concept of work as early as age five by assigning household chores, such as setting and clearing the table. Older kids between 10 and 12 should be encouraged to work outside the home mowing a neighbour's lawn, babysitting or helping a senior with chores. More enterprising children might hold a yard sale or post old toys on Kijiji.

Parents should try to hone in on the things their kids are good at, advises Keehn. For example, if you have a little foodie on your hands, consider taking a booth at a farmers' market. If your child is an avid reader, think about staging a book sale to raise money for a charity. Techno-wizards might want to teach a basic computer class at a seniors' centre.

Once kids start earning money, Keehn suggests they divide it into three piggy banks or savings accounts with one allocated for enjoyment such as treats, one for short-term purchases such as a ski trip and one for long-term purchases such as a first car or post-secondary education.

But keep in mind that homework must always come before paying work. "If a child's grades start to suffer or they're becoming stressed by a part-time job," says Keehn, "it's time to scale back the responsibility." *– Kelly Putter*

Making allowances work

Weekly cash helps give kids financial freedom and responsibility

For Emma Swaine, feeling independent and being able to shop with friends is the best part about getting a weekly $5 allowance. "I like having my own money," says Swaine, who is 14 and lives in Prospect Bay, N.S. "And I'm free to do what I want with it."

Allowances are a great way to help kids learn basic money-management skills. "It gives them a feeling of responsibility and ownership," says Sara Dimerman, a Toronto-based child-and-family therapist.

While some experts advocate starting to dole out the dough when kids begin school, Dimerman recommends age nine or 10. "That's when children are trying to create a sense of independence," she says.

It's important for parents to establish what they expect the allowance will be used for. To buy treats or special items such as an MP3 player? To go to the movies? Once the ground rules have been laid, if a child runs out of money and asks for more, parents shouldn't hand it over; if they do, their kids won't learn how to manage their money.

A parents' job isn't to dictate how every penny will be spent but rather to guide and advise. For a six-year-old, that might mean taking a child to a store to show her what her allowance can buy and explaining what she could afford if she waited a week.

Some experts recommend dividing an allowance into three categories: spend, save and share. Spend is for the little things a child wants to buy. Save is for something special. Share is to encourage giving to others. For example, if your child gets $10 a week, $6 could be to spend, $2 to save and $2 to share.

Swaine was 10 years old when her parents started giving her an allowance. They encouraged her to save some of it, which she did in a little purse, but didn't tie her allowance in with good grades or household chores. Parents shouldn't send the message that their children will only get paid if their rooms are clean.

"Kids should do chores because they belong to a family and their help is needed to run the household," says Judy Arnall, a parenting expert in Calgary and the author of Plugged-In Parenting. "Allowances are for learning how to handle money and make financial mistakes early, when the stakes are small." *– Allison Lawlor*

HOW MUCH DO YOU GIVE?

- Examine your disposable income. What's affordable for your family?
- Don't give much more or much less than your child's peers are getting.
- Go by age. So a five-year-old would get $5 a week, a six-year-old $6 and so on.
- Decide with your kids what you expect the money to cover—and what it won't.
- If you want your child to save, consider giving a larger allowance than if the money is meant only for spending.

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Chris Rock: 'How can I be funny this year?'

The answer: star in a play • Comedian set for Broadway debut

How do you top a winter in which you've made fun of Oprah Winfrey to her face, gleefully butchered a classic Simon and Garfunkel song during a telethon and made a guest appearance on Kanye West's mega-selling CD?

If you're Chris Rock, the next stop is Broadway.

"I always look for everything," says the comedian, sitting at a table at the theatre-district hangout Sardi's before rehearsals of his new gritty play by Stephen Adly Guirgis.

"You want to give your audience something funny or something good — that can be anything. It can be a play, it can be a movie," he says. "Hey, I was on Kayne's record! That's funnier than probably anything I've done in a couple of years. You know what I mean? How can I be funny this year?"

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▶ Chris Rock stars in a new gritty Broadway play by Stephen Adly Guirgis.

The answer now is The Motherf— With the Hat, a play that Rock describes as "The Honeymooners with drugs." It's about a man on parole and trying to live clean with his volatile girlfriend, who is far from sober. Rock, making his Broadway debut, plays the man's drug counsellor.

"Honestly, it was the best thing I read all last year. It was better than every movie script, every book — it was better than everything ... I read a couple of other plays and thought, 'This is easily the best one I've read.'"

Director Anna D. Shapiro says Rock, 46, is working hard to meld with fellow actors Bobby Cannavale, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Annabella Sciorra and Yul Vazquez.

"The day is filled with a lot of laughing and hard work and generosity, and all of that is because of who he is," she says. "He's refining a skill he already has. He understands the technical demands of that now every day better and better." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"People want to work, man ... If you want to act — if you want to be in something of substance — and you're not 19, it's hard."

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Twitter tirades cost Courtney Love $430K

Singer had accused fashion designer Dawn Simorangkir of theft, having a criminal background

Courtney Love's settlement of a case sparked by online attacks on a fashion designer shows that while Twitter posts may be short, they can also be costly.

The singer has agreed to pay Dawn Simorangkir $430,000 US, plus interest, to settle a lawsuit the designer filed in March 2009 over comments Love made on Twitter and her MySpace blog.

While the case didn't go to a jury, First Amendment experts say it highlights the need for celebrities and average people to watch what they say online.

"People are getting in trouble for Twitter postings on an almost daily basis," said First Amendment attorney Doug Mirell, a partner at Loeb and Loeb who did not handle the case.

"The laws controlling what is and isn't libellous are the same regardless of the medium in which the statements appear," he said.

Simorangkir's attorney, Bryan J. Freedman, agreed, and said Love's settlement should drive that point home.

"The fact is that this case shows that the forum upon which you communicate makes no difference in terms of potential legal exposure," Freedman said. "Disparaging someone on Twitter does not excuse one from liability."

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▶ Courtney Love has settled a case that was to be the first in which a jury decides whether a celebrity's Twitter posts could be considered libel.

Penn wants Sheen in Haiti

▶ Sean Penn

Sean Penn says he thinks Charlie Sheen could do a lot of good in Haiti, both for himself and the nation struggling to recover from a devastating earthquake.

"I think his energies, intelligence and passion could be both of service and servicing to him, as it is to all who are touched by the struggle of the Haitian people," Penn said in a statement Friday.

"Charlie is one of the very few public people who cannot be accused of using the media to his own benefit. I would very much like to show my old friend the world of needs on the ground in Haiti, and introduce him and his tremendous wit to our hard-working Haitian staff."

Penn's message of support came hours after Sheen told Access Hollywood that he and Penn were planning a trip to the Caribbean nation, although no date for their travel has been announced.

"If he chooses to give support, I'll trust it," the Academy Award winner said.

Sheen, who has been on a media blitz since last Monday, says he would like to bring the attention of the world back to Haiti, where Penn has been a fixture since a January 2010 earthquake destroyed more than 500,000 homes.

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Miley meets 'Miley'

Miley Cyrus has met her Saturday Night Live

impression while lampooning a fellow teen pop star herself.

Cyrus hosted SNL on Saturday night, leading to an inevitable faceoff between the 18-year-old singer and cast member Vanessa Bayer's parody.

But Cyrus appeared on Bayer's The Miley Cyrus Show not as herself, but 17-year-old Justin Bieber.

Cyrus played Bieber as too hip to use Bayer's enthusiastic "pretty cool" catchphrase.

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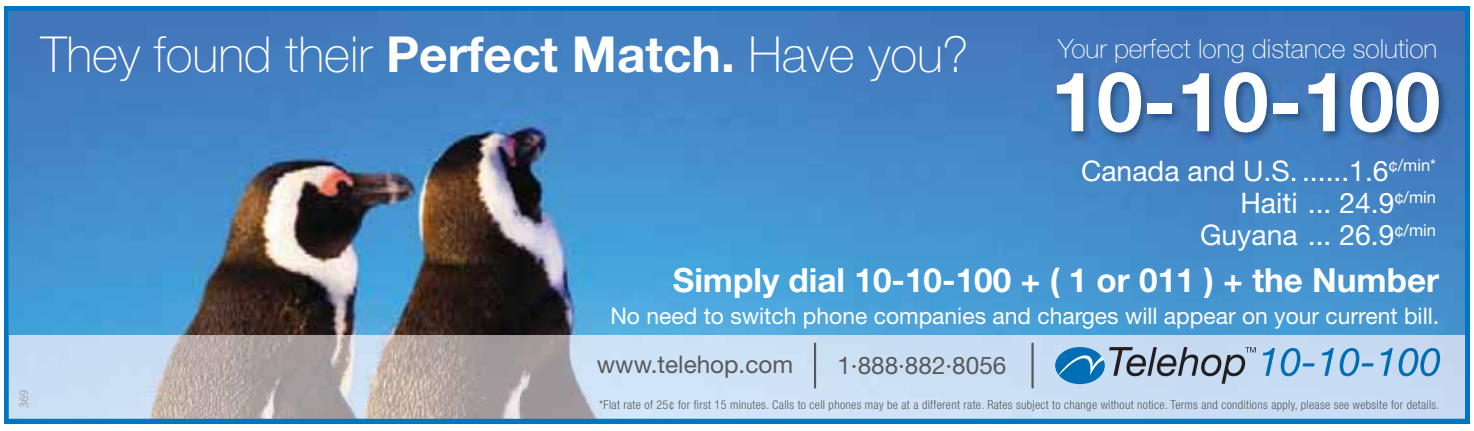
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Charlie Sheen says the police took his children away, but claims his kids will be proud of their dad's erratic behaviour ◐ Does he have a point?

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▶ Charlie and daughter Sam Sheen in 2007.

The sins of the father

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Last week, police entered Charlie Sheen's home and removed his twin sons, according to Sheen, after a court granted a restraining order to his estranged wife, Brooke Mueller.

This is not surprising. Among the many bizarre statements Charlie Sheen made to the media recently — calling himself a warlock, claiming he's cured his drug addiction by closing his eyes — one stands out if you're a parent.

It's this:

NBC reporter: *Are you embarrassed that your children will read about this one day?*

Charlie Sheen: *God no. Talk about an education. They'll be like, 'That's the guy and we can get all the answers and the truth? Wow!' Winning!"*

Perhaps his children will be proud of dear old dad, who has been accused of shooting his girlfriend, overdosing on cocaine, leaving his kids with porn stars and destroying a New York hotel room.

Perhaps not.

But Sheen brings up an interesting question: Might there be "answers" found in a parent's addiction or erratic behaviour? Could a child learn how to live better, if only by learning what not to do?

"Parents make mistakes and kids sometimes end up doing the exact opposite, which is sometimes true. Not for me," says Nick Flynn.

His acclaimed memoir Another Bullshit Night in Suck City chronicled his estranged relationship with his alcoholic father, who he re-met while working at a homeless shelter (the movie version, starring Robert De Niro as dad, starts filming this week).

"I did similar things that my parents did. And addiction tends to get passed along unless something interrupts it — the cops maybe

That said, all the attention that Mr. Sheen is getting right now seems to fuel him. And that's a lesson that we're passing on to his children. That this engine is a benefit of this behaviour. So I think we're also part of it. The spectacle is part of it."

That makes the observation of Dr. Richard Warshak, author of Divorce Poison: How to Protect Your Family from Badmouthing and Brainwashing, all the more painful.

"We can hope that children will identify with their parents' good traits, and learn from their parents' errors," he says, but it's the attention that adds to the sting: "Children are embarrassed when their parents' flaws become public."

Sheen, for one, says he plans to rededicate himself to his family.

"Dude, you're 45 with five kids," he told NBC. "Let's do something different. Because this thing is boring." This "thing" might also be instructive — at least to other parents.

Next time you party, behave yourself and be careful what goes online. There are easier ways for your kids to learn lessons than reading about you on TMZ. Good parenting, warlocks: Winning!

Sheen's 5 kids

1 **Cassandra Jade Estevez**, age 26, with girlfriend Paula Profit

2 & 3 **Sam J. Sheen**, 6, and **Lola Rose Sheen**, 5, with then-wife Denise Richards

4 & 5 **Bob and Max Sheen**, twins, 1, with then-wife Brooke Mueller

3 life

Energize kids

Here are some healthy snack ideas for your kids:

- Lightly salted air-popped popcorn is a perfect alternative to chips. It's high in fibre and low in fat.
- Instead of candy, serve up a bowl of fruit. It will satisfy your child's sweet tooth.
- Substitute a soft drink for a glass of skim milk. Milk is high in calcium. Stir in a dash of vanilla or almond for any extra yum factor.

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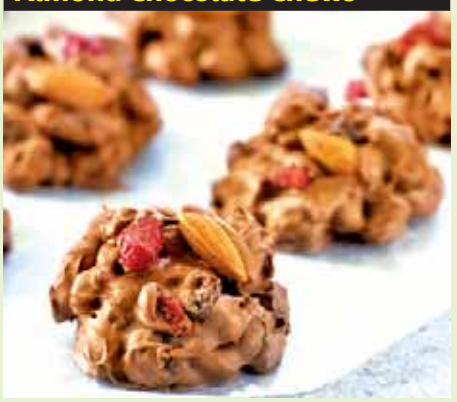
Almond Chocolate Chews



This no-bake recipe for Chocolate Almond Chews, developed for the Almond Board of California by Trish Magwood, author of the James Beard award winning cookbook Dish Entertains, and TV host of Party Dish, is perfect as an after-school snack.

Kids will also love to help make it because of the simple assembly.

Make the snack even more fun by putting it in a little pastry box or Chinese take-out box with a brown wool string and tie on a recycled gift card, and have your child take it to school during a special time such as someone's birthday.

Preparation:

1. In a large double boiler or large bowl over gently simmering water, melt chocolate and butterscotch chips for about 10 minutes.
2. Once melted, turn off heat. Add raisins, cranberries, pretzels and almonds.
3. Gently stir making sure no water gets into the bowl.
4. Drop teaspoonfuls onto wax paper lined cookie sheet.
5. Refrigerate until set for about 30 minutes.

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Ingredients:

- 1 package (2 cups, 500 mL) butterscotch chips
- 1 package (2 cups, 500 mL) chocolate chips
- 1 cup (250 mL) raisins
- 1 cup (250 mL) dried cranberries
- 1 ½ cups (375 mL) salted pretzels, broken in half
- 2 cups (500 mL) whole almonds, dry roasted (or substitute with whole almonds, salted)

Pancakes for dinner? Why not

Whether or not you'll be celebrating Shrove Tuesday tomorrow, these fluffy buttermilk pancakes are a filling meal for any time of the day

DINNER EXPRESS

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Each year, many families enjoy Shrove Tuesday or Fat Tuesday, which is the first day leading the 40 days of lent before Easter.

Eating pancakes for breakfast, lunch or dinner has always been a favourite thing to do in my house, and what's great about it is you may end up with leftovers to enjoy later in the week for a quick breakfast.

FLICKR: ELLIE

▶ For larger pancakes use a 1/3 cup (75 mL) or 1/2 cup (125 mL) measure or ladle.

Preparation:

1. In a large bowl, whisk together flour, sugar, baking powder and soda and salt; set aside.
2. In another bowl, whisk together buttermilk, egg, butter and vanilla. Pour over flour mixture and whisk until combined but still slightly lumpy.
3. Brush a large nonstick skillet or griddle with some of the oil and place over medium high heat. Pour the batter using 1/4 cup (50 mL) measure and spread out slightly to form pancakes. Cook until bubbles begin to appear on top, about 3 minutes. Flip over and cook until golden brown, about 1 minute. Remove to plate and repeat with remaining batter.

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Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) all-purpose flour
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) granulated sugar
- 1 tsp (5 mL) baking powder
- 1 tsp (5 mL) baking soda
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) salt
- 1 3/4 cups (425 mL) buttermilk
- 1 egg
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) butter, melted
- 2 tsp (10 mL) vanilla
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) vegetable oil

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▶ Look around your home for opportunities to improve your green lifestyle.

Going green gets easier everyday

These simple tips will get you started on taking the big guesswork out of greening-up your home

If your New Year's resolution included a commitment to green living, it can be hard to know where to start. The first step in your eco-makeover can feel like the hardest, but it doesn't have to be. Follow these tips and you'll be on your way to clean, green living.

Lose the bag

Plastic bags are building up in landfills at an alarming rate. To stop the plastic build up in your home, make the switch to reusable cloth bags for your groceries and daily shopping.

They fit easily in your purse, glove compartment or desk drawer and typically hold more products than a traditional plastic shopping bag.

Hang out

Hang-drying your laundry is a great way to cut down on energy costs. Putting up a clothes line is easy and cost effective. Hanging your clothes to dry is a great way to cut back on the use of energy-hogging appliances like dryers, and free up money for some fun activities.

Recycle and Reuse

Recycling is great, but reusing a product before it hits the recycling bin is an even better way to be environmentally friendly. Reusing products can be easier than you think. Clean yogurt containers are great for storing the clothes pins for your laundry line; wrapping paper from gifts doubles as fun liners for your drawers and cupboard shelves; and leftover Christmas cards are great for kids' craft projects. By repurposing products, you're making a commitment to the environment and keeping extra money in your pocket, too.

Connect

Sharing tips and tricks with others is a great way to get new ideas for going green. Finding a community of people dedicated to living green is a great way to stay on track with your goals and have a resource for your questions. Join online communities like the Green Works Facebook page.

Going green doesn't have to be difficult and it can bring a whole new level of freshness to your home.

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JURY STILL OUT ON BAMBOO TOWELS

Are bamboo towels the greenest option when it comes to an eco-makeover of my bathroom? *Alina of Victoria*

HANDOUT

▶ Research how bamboo towels are made before purchasing.

Simply put, yes and no. Over the past few years, bamboo has gained popularity and has become a widely available option for products like textiles and flooring. When it comes to clothing and linens, the softness of this fabric is hard to resist, as is its breathability, wrinkle resistance and absorbency (an important towel characteristic).

Bamboo has been touted as a sustainable natural fibre because it's made from pulp.

But bamboo is actually a grass that grows in bamboo forests that are quick to regenerate and require little or no pesticides.

Where bamboo fabric falters on its green path is in the processing. At first, harsh chemical solvents are used by some manufacturers to get the tough bamboo fibre into a form that could be woven into yarn. A similar process is used to make rayon.

New methods involve a closed-loop system that captures and reuses less toxic or nontoxic chemicals to dissolve the pulp. How can you tell which processing method was used to make your new towel? Research the manufacturer or look for the Oeko-Tex label.

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FRUITS OF HIS LABOUR

Everything Pete Luckett knows about life he learned from the produce business.

"As a little lad I used to do my Mom's shopping with a few shillings in my pocket." He is an award-winning businessman, entrepreneur and media personality whose personality and charming English accent compliment his outstanding accomplishments.

Growing up in England, Pete Luckett was running his first fruit stall at the age of 21. Anxious to travel the world, he settled in Canada in 1979. After a failed attempt at farming near Moncton he hitchhiked to St. Johns and went back into the food market business.

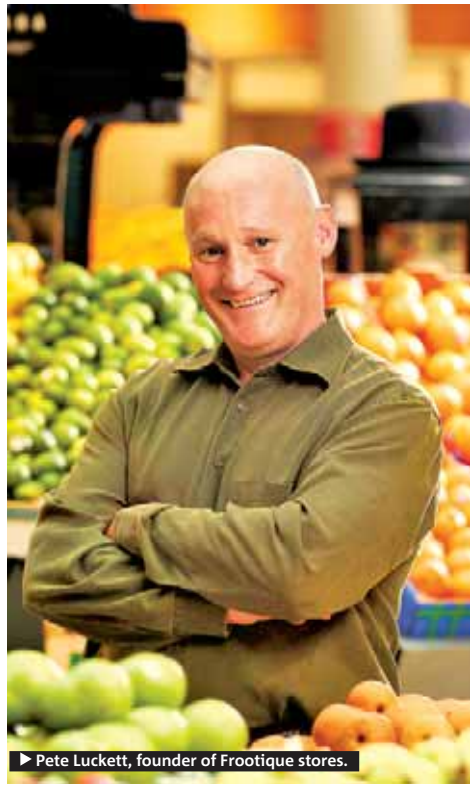
"I sweet-talked the owner of the market to let me have a booth and with my last 300 bucks I started my first fruit stand." Powered by Pete's determination and savvy business principals, Pete's Frootique stores have won multiple awards and are now one of Eastern Canada's strongest brands.

"You've gotta go through hardship to be able to survive. It may be tough at the time, but it builds character and helps you get through the next challenge you face."

Good eats

Pete says, "Life is like the produce business."

- Kiss the old stuff goodbye and dump it.
- The sooner you get over your last loss, there's a box of new apples to move on to.



▶ Pete Luckett, founder of Frootique stores.

A turning point in our contest...

The Turning Point New You Makeover Contest is now officially closed. Thank you to everyone who submitted their stories and voted on our five finalists. In the coming days we'll be tallying the votes to determine our winner. On Monday, March 14 we'll be making our big announcement so make sure you pick up a copy of Metro or go online at metronews.ca.

What a journey this person is about to embark on. In the coming weeks and months we'll be working with our winner closely as they go through expert career counselling and social media coaching from NexCareer and e-branders. They'll receive their new BlackBerry from WIND Mobile, a computer notebook from Tech Direct and a Learn on the Go Pack from Sharma International. They'll be able to put it all in their new leather briefcase along with a $500 gift card from Danier. Then to make sure that we've covered every aspect of their career and life transformation we'll book their makeover sessions at Donato Hair and Spa. As our winner moves one step closer to a new career or job we'll be asking them to blog about their journey and I'll be doing regular updates in my Monday columns.

You will have a front row seat as we watch our winner work toward career and life fulfillment. Will it be the breast cancer survivor who is looking to get her career back on track, a hard-working mom whose husband left her for another woman, a bus driver that has to change careers because of health reasons, a young father-to-be who wants his unborn child to be proud of him or a woman who wants to turn her life of hard knocks into a dream of entrepreneurship? ● TERESA KRUZE

Don't miss it!

- **Monday, March 14 we'll reveal our Turning Point contest winner.**

Staying in touch with the mobile world

BOOK REVIEW

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It seems the world is getting smaller by the minute. Originally we thought it was the Internet that was leading this shrinkage, however, it's more likely mobile phones.

David Clemons and Michael Kroth, PhD, authors of Managing the Mobile Workforce, feel given that in 2008 over 3.9 billion mobile subscriptions existed and "is predicted to reach 5.6 billion by 2013" the world of business needs to chip away at its brick and mortar approach to managing the workforce.

The mobile workforce is best described as "individuals who are not physically located within a centralized physical building and those who move between work locations within a centralized location, and who are able to access company resources through private networks, the Internet and mobile networks."

For most businesses this model has endless potential ranging from financial relief of having to supply real estate to house staff to a committed workforce who are happy to work productively whilst eliminating their commute. All this is fine of course, if the employer can establish trust.

"Establishing trust mobily is one of the most difficult things you'll have to accomplish as a leader, and yet it is the key to long term success."

Mobile technology is changing not just where we think people should work, but how work gets done.

This book is your guide to mobile workforce 101.

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Education gets animated

Bam! Pow! Homegrown heroes of India's comic industry are entertaining audiences as well as teaching them

The superhero — bulging legs stuffed into tight pants, broad chest adorned with a symbol of power — has vowed to fight the enemies of humanity. He is not Superman. He is not Batman.

He is Shaktimaan, protector of all humanity — at least in India.

In the cartoon skies over India soar a host of comic book superheroes that have little to do with the leotarded titans of the West.

Instead, the green-skinned and venomous Nagraj fights evil with snakes, widely worshipped across India, while three-eyed Shakti, clad in clingy leopard skins and skull ornaments, channels the Hindu death goddess Kali in waging her battle against the local scourge of female infanticide.

It's heroes like these — drawn from India's culture and mythology, and endowed with powers from Hindu gods — that the $65-million US Indian comic industry hopes will launch them into new media like animated TV shows, action films, advertising and digital Internet distribution.

Indian comic producers insist homegrown characters are best at connecting with the national public and diaspora — and even crucial for educating them about their culture. It's a formula they say has allowed them to compete with more sophisticated Western and Japanese comics since the 1960s, when the first Indian comics were launched with the Amar Chitra Katha series based on the ancient Sanskrit epics of Mahabarata and Ramayana.

"We have no need for new superheroes, we have so many of our own. The idea is to use the Indian stories, Indian mythology, in comic format to teach children about their history and culture," said Rushabh Sanghavi, marketing manager at ACK media, which publishes the Amar Chitra Katha as well as the wholesome children's series Tinkle.

Though the industry suffered during the 1990s as Western comics and Hollywood films invaded India's newly opened market and took hold, Indian comics have seen a revival in the last decade thanks to new funding and technologies for printing, animation, digitizing and distribution.

India saw its first feature-length animation in 2005, the story of the Hindu monkey god Hanuman. And several comics, including Shaktimaan, have been made into TV series

Animation schools and production companies have multiplied, drawing students away from the traditional tracts for medicine or engineering. The Picasso Animation College, which unleashed its first graduates last year, has five applicants for every $11,000 US tuition spot at its schools in Delhi and across India, placement director Shelly Walia said. Comics are increasingly being used to advertise everything from bubble gum to noodles. The Indian army has serialized the triumphs of its real-life heroes for its recruitment drive, while banks are turning to cartoons for easy-to-read staff instructions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Cartoonist couple Kshiraj Telang, right, with his wife, Swati, stand in front of their wedding poster during the Comic Con fair in New Delhi, India.

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16 games, 11 wins: Can the Leafs do it?

That's what it would take to hit 89 points and have a realistic hope of making the playoffs

After climbing a mountain, the Toronto Maple Leafs are discovering the peak is still way off in the distance.

Even though the team has made up 10 points in the Eastern Conference playoff race since the all-star break, the margin for error remains extremely small.

A big reminder came with Saturday's 5-3 loss to the Chicago Blackhawks. The defending Stanley Cup champions overwhelmed the mistake-prone Leafs early in a game Toronto coach Ron Wilson labelled a learning experience.

It left the team stalled four points behind eighth-place Carolina. The gap isn't insurmountable, but Toronto needs to win 11 of its remaining 16 games to reach 89 points — no small task.

"We can't right now worry about (the) past," forward Mikhail Grabovski said after Saturday's game. "We need to think about (the) future and worry about the next game. Because every game for us is very important.

"Every point right now (is) huge."

After playing at Long Island tomorrow, the Leafs open a crucial three-game homestand. Conference-leading Philadelphia visits Thursday, Buffalo is in town Saturday and Tampa Bay arrives March 14.

By then, it should be a little clearer where the team stands.

Wilson is intent on riding James Reimer as long as the playoffs remain in view. The rookie goaltender was pulled after allowing five goals to the Blackhawks on 19 shots, but will be back in net against the Islanders.

March 8 at Islanders

March 10 Flyers

March 12 Sabres

March 14 Lightning

March 16 at Hurricanes

March 17 at Panthers

March 19 Bruins

March 22 at Wild

March 24 at Avalanche

March 26 at Red Wings

March 29 Sabres

March 31 at Bruins

April 2 at Senators

April 5 Capitals

April 6 at Devils

April 9 Canadiens

It will be his 13th appearance in the last 14 games — a stretch unlike anything the 22-year-old has previously seen as a pro.

"I haven't played this many games since probably my second year of junior," said Reimer. "It is a little bit different because usually I'm used to playing 50-50.

"You learn how to take a break and rest on your off days so that you're fully prepared and energized for the games."

His biggest challenge on a day off is trying not to spend much time thinking about the playoff chase.

"For about two minutes I can," he said with a laugh.

Wilson was initially reluctant to praise the young goaltender — famously suggesting in January that a statue was being planned in his honour after a good performance — but has since softened on that stance.

In fact, the coach gives much of the credit for the recent turnaround to Reimer.

"Since the beginning of January when Reims got here and started playing in a bunch of those games it's kind of built the confidence of our team," said Wilson.

A few warts remain. The team's power play went 0-for-5 against Chicago — the fourth straight game it failed to connect — and Wilson juggled his forward lines at even strength, giving Darryl Boyce some time in Tyler Bozak's normal spot between Phil Kessel and Joffrey Lupul.

Bozak (minus-25) and Kessel (minus-22) have been the team's biggest defensive liabilities this season and the coach was looking for some better play in the team's own zone.

"They're on for so many damn goals against," said Wilson. "Look at their plus-minus. I had to change things up."

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"I don't find myself holding my breath so much any more late in the game. I know we'll get a save or we'll get a big play."
COACH RON WILSON

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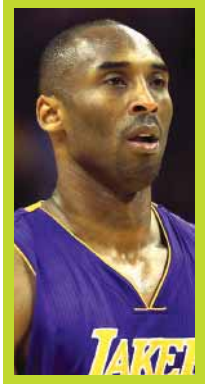

"We know we're capable of having games like this and San Antonio knows we're capable of having games like this. It just as easily could go the other way around."
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NBA in London gives England basketball cred

- First overseas regular-season games deemed a success
- Brits trying to show FIBA they're serious about hoops

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▶ Deron Williams, right, steals the ball from Raptor Jose Calderon during their game in London on Saturday.

The NBA's latest foray to Europe gave a welcome shot in the arm not only to the ailing New Jersey Nets but also to Britain in its attempt to compete in next year's London Olympics on home territory.

The Nets ended a six-game losing streak with back-to-back wins over the Toronto Raptors.

Both Friday and Saturday's games packed in crowds of 18,700 at the O2 Arena with the Nets' triple-overtime success on Saturday giving the crowd a hint of what it could get when the Olympics hit town in less than 17 months.

"The crowd was unbelievable," said Andrea Bargnani, who had a team-high 35 points and 12 rebounds in the loss Saturday. "It's great the Olympics are going to be here."

That will be music to the ears of Britain's basketball officials, who discover next Sunday whether FIBA allows Britain's men's and women's teams to compete in the 2012 Games.

The hosts have had to show improvement to their long-term basketball program before FIBA allows them to participate next year. The NBA games in London show there is a market and a fan base for the sport in Britain.

"When you're a host country it makes a lot of sense to have the home side there to cheer on," said Raptors coach Jay Triano.

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NFL LABOUR DISPUTE

More than revenues at issue

With five more days and nights — at least — to reach an agreement, the NFL and the players' union might find money off the top is not the bottom line.

The owners' request that about $2 billion US of total revenues be deducted before they split the rest with the players has been a sticking point ever since 2008. That's when the owners opted out of the current CBA, which would have expired last Thursday if not for two extensions.

The deadline comes Friday, and a compromise on that figure — the owners already deduct about $1 billion for operating expenses from the $9 billion overall take — might be easier than reaching accord on expanding the regular season to 18 games or several other issues. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bulls blow by Heat in second half

Derrick Rose had 27 points and Luol Deng's two free throws put Chicago ahead for good, as the Bulls beat Miami 87-86 yesterday to hand the Heat their fourth straight loss.

The Bulls move a game ahead of Miami into second place in the Eastern Conference and beat the Heat for the third time this season.

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NY Rangers	68	35	29	2	2	193	164	74	15-17-1-2	20-12-1-0	5-5-0-0	W2
Buffalo	65	32	25	7	1	189	187	72	14-15-2-1	18-10-5-0	5-3-1-1	W2
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New Jersey	65	30	31	3	1	139	168	64	15-13-2-1	15-18-0-1	9-1-0-0	W4
Florida	66	26	31	5	4	165	184	61	12-13-5-3	14-18-0-1	2-6-2-0	L5
NY Islanders	67	25	32	5	5	184	212	60	14-15-1-4	11-17-4-1	4-3-2-1	L1
Ottawa	65	22	34	5	4	147	206	53	11-18-2-3	11-16-3-1	5-4-0-1	L1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Vancouver	67	42	16	4	5	216	155	93	23-7-1-4	19-9-3-1	6-4-0-0	W2
d-Detroit	66	39	19	5	3	219	193	86	17-10-3-2	22-9-2-1	5-3-1-1	L3
d-San Jose	66	38	22	4	2	185	167	82	17-11-2-1	21-11-2-1	8-2-0-0	L1
Chicago	66	37	23	2	4	218	183	80	21-14-0-0	16-9-3-3	9-1-0-0	W8
Calgary	68	35	24	3	6	207	193	79	21-10-1-3	14-14-2-3	7-2-0-1	W2
Phoenix	67	34	23	6	4	191	194	78	16-11-3-2	18-12-3-2	5-4-0-1	W1
Dallas	65	35	23	3	4	180	183	77	18-9-2-3	17-14-1-1	4-5-1-0	W1
Los Angeles	65	36	25	2	2	180	159	76	20-11-1-0	16-14-1-2	6-3-0-1	L1
Anaheim	66	35	26	3	2	182	193	75	20-11-1-1	15-15-2-1	4-5-1-0	L1
Minnesota	66	34	25	2	5	171	174	75	16-13-1-3	18-12-1-2	4-4-1-1	L1
Nashville	66	33	24	5	4	167	156	75	15-7-4-3	18-17-1-1	3-5-1-1	L1
Columbus	64	31	26	3	4	176	191	69	16-13-0-2	15-13-3-2	5-3-0-2	L4
St. Louis	65	28	27	5	5	177	194	65	18-11-1-3	10-17-3-2	3-7-0-0	L4
Colorado	65	26	31	7	1	185	224	60	14-16-4-0	12-15-3-1	1-7-1-1	L5
Edmonton	66	23	35	1	7	169	215	54	12-19-1-3	11-16-1-3	7-3-0-0	W3

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Yesterday's results
Calgary 3 Nashville 2
Vancouver 3 Anaheim 0
Buffalo 3 Minnesota 2 (OT)
New Jersey 3 N.Y. Islanders 2 (SO)
N.Y. Rangers 7 Philadelphia 0
Washington 3 Florida 2 (OT)
Saturday's results
Chicago 5 Toronto 3
Edmonton 5 Colorado 1
Montreal 4 Tampa Bay 2
Vancouver 3 Los Angeles 1
Atlanta 4 Florida 3 (OT)
Buffalo 5 Philadelphia 3
Dallas 3 San Jose 2
N.Y. Islanders 5 St. Louis 2
Phoenix 5 Detroit 4 (SO)
Pittsburgh 3 Boston 2 (OT)
Tonight's games
Washington at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Columbus at St. Louis, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Ottawa at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Toronto at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Boston at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Nashville at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

CANUCKS 3, DUCKS 0

First Period
1. Vancouver, Malhotra 10 (Hansen, Torres) 0:42
Penalties — Hansen Vcr (interference) 9:59, Salo Vcr (interference) 18:02.
Second Period
2. Vancouver, Malhotra 11 (Hansen) 0:17
Penalties — Perry Ana (charging) 7:40, Ballard Vcr (closing hand on puck) 16:48, Selanne Ana (slashing) 18:17, Ehrhoff Vcr (hooking) 18:41.
Third Period
3. Vancouver, D.Sedin 34 (Samuelsson, H.Sedin) 6:06 (pp)
Penalties — McMillan Ana (tripping) 5:38, Ballard Vcr (kneeing), Brookbank Ana (roughing) 17:29, Perry Ana (roughing) 18:40, Rome Vcr (elbowing, roughing; served by Torres), Beauchemin Ana (roughing) 19:02.
Shots

Vancouver	5	6	5	16
Anaheim	7	10	9	26

Goal — Vancouver: C.Schneider (W,12-3-2); Anaheim: Ellis (L,16-8-7). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Vancouver: 1-3; Anaheim: 0-4.
Referees — Dan O'Rourke, Brian Pochmara.
Linesmen — Mike Cvik, Thor Nelson.
Attendance — 16,356 (17,174).

FLAMES 3, PREDATORS 2

First Period
1. Nashville, Erat 11 (Blum, Legwand) 2:47
2. Calgary, Giordano 6 (Jokinen) 7:15 (pp)
3. Nashville, Suter 3 (Erat, Legwand) 15:58
Penalties — Sarich Cal (high-sticking) 4:49, Blum Nash (tripping) 6:26, Glencross Cal (hooking) 16:36.
Second Period
4. Calgary, Iginla 30, 0:59 (penalty shot)
Penalty — Modin Cal (hooking) 8:32.
Third Period
5. Calgary, Glencross 22 (Jokinen, Bouwmeester) 10:23
Penalty — Smithson Nash (holding) 5:19.
Shots

Nashville	9	4	10	23
Calgary	9	13	14	36

Goal — Nashville: Rinne (L,23-19-7); Calgary: Kiprusoff (W,31-20-5). **Power-plays (goals-chances)** — Nashville: 0-3; Calgary: 1-2.
Referees — Steve Kozari, Justin St-Pierre.
Linesmen — Michel Cormier, Brad Lazarowich.
Attendance — 19,289 (19,289).

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
D.Sedin, Vcr	34	47	81
Stamkos, TB	41	37	78
H.Sedin, Vcr	15	61	76
St. Louis, TB	24	51	75
Zetterberg, Det	18	51	69
Perry, Ana	31	37	68
Ovechkin, Wash	25	43	68
Crosby, Pgh	32	34	66
Iginla, Cal	30	36	66
Toews, Chi	27	38	65
B.Richards, Dal	24	39	63
Kopitar, LA	20	43	63
E.Staal, Car	29	33	62
Sharp, Chi	33	28	61
Eriksson, Dal	23	38	61
Selanne, Ana	21	39	60
Giroux, Pha	21	38	59
Kesler, Vcr	33	25	58
P.Kane, Chi	21	36	57
Havlat, Minn	20	37	57

SOCCER

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE
Yesterday's results
Liverpool 3 Manchester United 1
Wolverhampton Wanderers 3 Tottenham 3

GERMANY

BUNDESLIGA
Yesterday's results
Freiburg 1 Werder Bremen 3
Hamburger SV 2 Mainz 4

ITALY

SERIE A
Yesterday's results
Bologna 2 Cagliari 2
Chievo Verona 0 Parma 0
Fiorentina 3 Catania 0
Inter Milan 5 Genoa 2
Lazio 2 Palermo 0
Napoli 0 Brescia 0
Sampdoria 2 Cesena 3
Udinese 1 Bari 0

SCOTLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE
Yesterday's result
St. Mirren 0 Rangers 1

SPAIN

LA LIGA
Yesterday's results
Athletic Bilbao 2 Sevilla 0
Hercules 1 Almeria 2
Levante 1 Espanyol 0
Malaga 0 Osasuna 1
Racing Santander 1 Real Madrid 3
Sporting Gijon 2 Getafe 0

TENNIS

WTA MALAYSIAN OPEN
At Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
SUNDAY
Singles — Championship
Jelena Dokic, Australia, def. Lucie Safarova (5), Czech Republic, 2-6, 7-6 (9), 6-4.
SATURDAY
Singles — Semifinals
Lucie Safarova (5), Czech Republic, def. Jarmila Groth (4), Australia, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.
Jelena Dokic, Australia, def. Michaella Krajicek, Netherlands, 6-2, 6-3.

WTA MONTERREY OPEN
At Monterrey, Mexico
SUNDAY
Singles — Championship
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (2), Russia, def. Jelena Jankovic (1), Serbia, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.
SATURDAY
Singles — Semifinals
Jelena Jankovic (1), Serbia, def. Polona Hercog (8), Slovenia, 6-3, 6-2.
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (2), Russia, def. Gisela Dulko, Argentina, 6-4, 6-1.

DAVIS CUP
CANADA VS. MEXICO
At Metepec, Mexico
Canada 4, Mexico 1
SUNDAY
Reverse Singles
Milos Raonic, Thornhill, Ont., def. Daniel Garza, Mexico, 7-5, 6-3, 6-2.
Frank Dancevic, Niagara Falls, Ont., def. Manuel Sanchez, Mexico, 6-4, 6-1.
SATURDAY
Doubles
Milos Raonic, Thornhill, Ont., and Vasek Pospisil, Vernon, B.C., def. Luis Diaz-Barriga and Miguel Angel Reyes-Varela, Mexico, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.
FRIDAY
Singles
Daniel Garza, Mexico, def. **Frank Dancevic, Niagara Falls, Ont.**, 2-6, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4.
Milos Raonic, Thornhill, Ont., def. Manuel Sanchez, Mexico, 6-2, 6-2, 6-1.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	46	15	.754	—
New York	32	29	.525	14
Philadelphia	32	30	.516	14½
New Jersey	19	43	.306	27½
Toronto	17	46	.270	30
SOUTHEAST DIVISION				
Miami	43	20	.683	—
Orlando	40	23	.635	3
Atlanta	37	26	.587	6
Charlotte	26	36	.419	16½
Washington	16	46	.258	26½
CENTRAL DIVISION				
Chicago	43	18	.705	—
Indiana	27	35	.435	16½
Milwaukee	23	38	.377	20
Detroit	23	41	.359	21½
Cleveland	12	50	.194	31½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	51	12	.810	—
Dallas	45	17	.726	5½
New Orleans	37	28	.569	15
Memphis	35	29	.547	16½
Houston	32	32	.500	19½
NORTHWEST DIVISION				
Oklahoma City	39	22	.639	—
Denver	37	27	.578	3½
Portland	35	27	.565	4½
Utah	33	30	.524	7
Minnesota	15	49	.234	25½
PACIFIC DIVISION				
L.A. Lakers	45	19	.703	—
Phoenix	32	29	.525	11½
Golden State	27	35	.435	17
L.A. Clippers	23	40	.365	21½
Sacramento	15	45	.250	28

Yesterday's results
Boston 89 Milwaukee 83
Chicago 87 Miami 86
Detroit 113 Washington 102
L.A. Lakers 99 San Antonio 83
Memphis 104 Dallas 103
New Orleans 96 Cleveland 81
New York 92 Atlanta 79
Oklahoma City 122 Phoenix 118 (OT)
Philadelphia 125 Golden State 117 (OT)
Saturday's results
Houston 112 Indiana 95
L.A. Clippers 100 Denver 94
Portland 93 Charlotte 69
Utah 109 Sacramento 102 (OT)
Washington 103 Minnesota 96
At London
New Jersey 137 Toronto 136 (3OT)
Tonight's games
L.A. Clippers at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Portland at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Utah at New York, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Houston at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

CRICKET

WORLD CUP
GROUP A

	MP	W	T	L	NR	Pt
Pakistan	3	3	0	0	0	6
Australia	3	2	1	0	1	5
Sri Lanka	4	2	1	1	1	5
New Zealand	3	2	0	1	0	4
Zimbabwe	3	1	0	2	0	2
Canada	**3**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Kenya	3	0	0	3	0	0

GROUP B

	MP	W	T	L	NR	Pt
India	3	2	1	0	0	5
England	4	2	1	1	0	5
South Africa	3	2	0	1	0	4
West Indies	3	2	0	1	0	4
Bangladesh	3	1	0	2	0	2
Ireland	3	1	0	2	0	2
Netherlands	3	0	0	3	0	0

Yesterday's results
At Bangalore, India
India (210 for five) def. Ireland (207, all out) by five wickets.
At Chennai, India
England (171) def. South Africa (165) by six runs.
Saturday's result
At Colombo, Sri Lanka
Australia vs. Sri Lanka (ppd., rain; both teams earn a draw and one point)
Today's Match
At New Delhi
Canada vs. Kenya

GOLF

PGA HONDA CLASSIC
At Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.
Par 70
Final Round

Rory Sabbatini, $1,026,000	71-64-66-70—271
Y.E. Yang, $615,600	68-71-67-66—272
Jerry Kelly, $387,600	71-67-68-67—273
Ricky Barnes, $273,600	70-68-71-67—276
Tommy Gainey, $228,000	71-67-71-68—277
Graeme McDowell, $184,538	73-71-70-64—278
Jeff Overton, $184,538	69-72-69-68—278
Matt Bettencourt, $184,538	70-70-69-69—278
Gary Woodland, $184,538	71-68-68-71—278
Luke Donald, $136,800	73-68-72-66—279
Hiroyuki Fujita, $136,800	72-71-69-67—279
Stuart Appleby, $136,800	68-70-72-69—279
Charles Howell III, $136,800	71-71-67-70—279
Spencer Levin, $102,600	67-72-73-68—280
Hunter Haas, $102,600	70-71-71-68—280
Charl Schwartzel, $102,600	68-69-74-69—280
Justin Hicks, $82,650	73-68-73-67—281
Marc Leishman, $82,650	72-72-69-68—281
Justin Leonard, $82,650	70-71-70-70—281
Matt Kuchar, $82,650	69-70-72-70—281
Robert Allenby, $63,840	71-73-71-67—282
Richard Johnson, $63,840	72-71-72-67—282
Roland Thatcher, $63,840	70-73-68-71—282
Sean O'Hair, $47,310	70-70-73-70—283
Nathan Green, $47,310	73-67-73-70—283
Webb Simpson, $47,310	74-67-71-71—283
Kent Jones, $47,310	72-71-69-71—283
Kyle Stanley, $47,310	68-66-74-75—283
Lee Westwood, $35,462	70-69-75-70—284
Ben Curtis, $35,462	72-74-70-68—284
Chad Campbell, $35,462	74-70-70-70—284
Chris Kirk, $35,462	73-70-71-70—284
Fredrik Jacobson, $35,462	74-68-71-71—284
Colt Knost, $35,462	74-69-70-71—284
Davis Love III, $35,462	73-70-69-72—284
John Senden, $26,847	70-71-74-70—285
Chris Couch, $26,847	70-70-75-70—285
Alex Cejka, $26,847	71-74-71-69—285
Carl Pettersson, $26,847	70-71-75-69—285
Ian Poulter, $26,847	74-71-73-67—285
J.J. Henry, $22,800	71-70-74-71—286
William McGirt, $22,800	75-70-72-69—286
Cameron Tringale, $17,357	71-70-74-72—287
Kenny Perry, $17,357	71-72-73-71—287
Greg Chalmers, $17,357	68-72-76-71—287
Josh Broadaway, $17,357	78-68-68-73—287
Jimmy Walker, $17,357	74-67-72-74—287
Blake Adams, $17,357	73-73-72-69—287
Henrik Stenson, $17,357	74-70-76-67—287
D.A. Points, $17,357	74-72-76-65—287
Jason Dufner, $13,595	75-67-72-74—288
Edoardo Molinari, $13,595	73-73-72-70—288
Stephen Ames, $13,595	**73-72-74-69—288**
Scott Gutschewski (19), $13,595	73-70-69-76—288
Brian Gay, $12,996	74-70-72-73—289
Paul Goydos, $12,996	73-72-72-72—289
Nick Price, $12,996	70-74-73-72—289
Shaun Micheel, $12,540	74-71-72-73—290
Vaughn Taylor, $12,540	71-75-72-72—290
Alex Prugh, $12,540	74-71-74-71—290
Andres Romero, $12,540	72-74-75-69—290
Marc Turnesa, $12,540	75-71-76-68—290
Kevin Streelman, $12,027	73-71-74-73—291
Chris Stroud, $12,027	73-69-77-72—291
Brendan Steele, $12,027	74-71-76-70—291
David Duval, $12,027	74-71-77-69—291
Chad Collins, $11,685	74-72-72-74—292
Jeff Maggert, $11,685	75-70-76-71—292
David Mathis, $11,514	71-72-75-77—295
Rory McIlroy, $11,286	73-71-77-75—296
Jhonattan Vegas, $11,286	76-70-77-73—296
Ernie Els, $11,286	75-71-78-72—296
Trevor Immelman, $11,001	74-71-77-76—298
Steve Flesch, $11,001	73-73-78-74—298
Josh Teater, $10,830	75-70-79-75—299
J.P. Hayes, $10,716	76-69-77-79—301
Louis Oosthuizen	75-70-75—WD

NATIONWIDE PACIFIC RUBIALES BOGOTA OPEN
At Bogota, Colombia
Par 71
(final two rounds cancelled due to rain)

Brenden Pappas, $108,000	67-66—133
Matt Every, $64,800	67-67—134
Julian Etulain, $27,060	67-68—135
Clayton Rask, $27,060	66-69—135
Won Joon Lee, $27,060	69-66—135
Scott Brown, $27,060	69-66—135
David Vanegas, $27,060	66-69—135
Bubba Dickerson, $17,400	70-66—136
Tyrone Van Aswegen, $17,400	67-69—136
Darron Stiles, $17,400	66-70—136

CURLING

TIM HORTONS BRIER
At London, Ont.
Yesterday's results
Third Draw
Alberta 8 New Brunswick 6
Manitoba 8 Nova Scotia 3
Northern Ontario 11 Northwest/Yukon Territories 8
Quebec 10 Prince Edward Island 3
Fourth Draw
Alberta 8 British Columbia 2
Newfoundland & Labrador 7 Northern Ontario 6 (extra end)
Ontario 7 Nova Scotia 4
Saskatchewan 8 Quebec 7 (extra end)
Fifth Draw
British Columbia 6 Newfoundland & Labrador 5
Manitoba 9 Prince Edward Island 4
Northwest/Yukon Territories 8 New Brunswick 7 (extra end)
Ontario 10 Saskatchewan 3
Saturday's results
First Draw
Manitoba 10 British Columbia 4
New Brunswick 5 Ontario 4
Newfoundland & Labrador 12 Prince Edward Island 1
Saskatchewan 6 Northwest/Yukon Territories 4
Second Draw
Alberta 6 Northern Ontario 2
Manitoba 9 New Brunswick 4
Northwest/Yukon Territories 8 Prince Edward Island 6
Quebec 10 Nova Scotia 4

WORLD JUNIOR CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP
At Perth, Scotland
MEN
Yesterday's results
Draw Three
Switzerland 9 **Canada 7**
China 5 Scotland 4
Finland 8 Denmark 6 (extra end)
Norway 7 Czech Republic 3
Sweden 10 U.S. 1
Saturday's results
Draw One
Norway 9 **Canada 7** (extra end)
China 9 Denmark 2
Scotland 8 Finland 4
Switzerland 7 Sweden 6 (extra end)
Draw Two
Sweden 6 **Canada 5**
Denmark 8 Czech Republic 3
Finland 9 China 6
Norway 9 U.S. 3
Scotland 7 Switzerland 6
WOMEN
Yesterday's results
Second Draw
Canada 10 Norway 4
Russia 9 Czech Republic 6
Scotland 12 France 0
Sweden 7 Japan 6
U.S. 10 Switzerland 8
Third Draw
Japan 7 **Canada 6**
Norway 11 France 2
Russia 5 U.S. 2
Scotland 10 Switzerland 4
Sweden 8 Czech Republic 7
Saturday's results
First Draw
Sweden 9 **Canada 2**
Japan 7 Czech Republic 5
Russia 7 Switzerland 3
Scotland 10 Norway 2
U.S. 12 France 2

MLB

SPRING TRAINING
Yesterday's results
Toronto 5 Pittsburgh 0
Atlanta 5 Washington 0
Chicago Cubs (ss) 5 L.A. Dodgers 3 (10 ings)
Cincinnati 10 Chicago Cubs (ss) 0
Colorado 3 Cleveland 1
Detroit 2 Philadelphia (ss) 1
Florida 7 St. Louis 2 (8 ings)
Kansas City 8 Chicago White Sox 3
L.A. Angels 7 Arizona 2
Minnesota 3 Baltimore 0
N.Y. Mets 6 Boston 5
N.Y. Yankees 10 Houston 8
Oakland (ss) 5 Milwaukee (ss) 4
Philadelphia (ss) 5 Tampa Bay 4
San Diego 7 Oakland (ss) 6
San Francisco 6 Seattle 1
Texas 8 Milwaukee (ss) 1

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Raonic aces first test at Davis Cup

Canada through to second round against Ecuador in July ◐ Winner moves on to World Group playoff

Milos Raonic of Thornhill defeated Daniel Garza yesterday to lead Canada to a victory over Mexico in its Davis Cup tie.

The 20-year-old Raonic, ranked No. 37 in the world, won in straight sets 7-5, 6-3, 6-2, to seal Canada's victory in the best-of-five Americas Zone Group 1 first-round.

Peter Polansky of Thornhill then won the dead rubber, beating Manuel Sanchez 6-4, 6-1 to give Canada a 4-1 win over Mexico.

Holding a 2-1 advantage heading into the final day, Canada needed to win just one of the matches to clinch.

"I've been doing a lot of my individual stuff but it's very important for me to win for Canada too," Raonic said.

"It's a different level of pride playing Davis Cup."

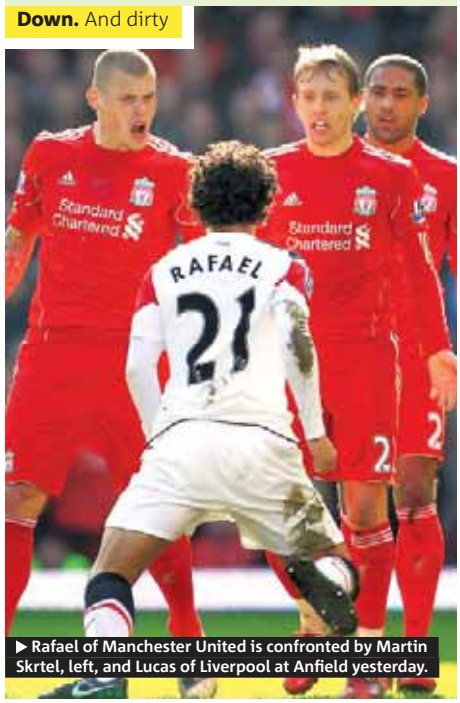
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Big weekend

Milos Raonic won 92 per cent of his first serve points yesterday.

- He fired 23 aces en route to his third victory of the event.
- The Canadians split Friday's singles matches, with Raonic defeating No. 546 Sanchez and Frank Dancevic of Niagara Falls losing to No. 439 Daniel Garza.
- Canada took the lead Saturday when Raonic and Vasek Pospisil of Vernon, B.C., won a doubles match over Luis Diaz-Barriga and Miguel-Angel Reyes-Varela.

Down. And dirty



▶ Rafael of Manchester United is confronted by Martin Skrtel, left, and Lucas of Liverpool at Anfield yesterday.

BY ALEX LIVESEY/GETTY IMAGES

Reds overpower Man U

Premier League leader Manchester United stumbled to a second straight loss, 3-1, to fierce rival Liverpool. Dirk Kuyt scored twice in the first half and in the 65th to complete his first hat trick for Liverpool, ensuring United wasn't able to capitalize on second-place Arsenal's draw against Sunderland on Saturday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bowlers shine with England on ropes

TOM SHAW/GETTY IMAGES

England's Cricket World Cup roller-coaster ride unexpectedly hit the heights yesterday following the lowest of lows last week, sneaking a win against South Africa in a chaotic clash in Chennai, India.

Defending what looked like a disastrous 171 all out, England's bowlers made the most of a crumbling pitch to shuffle out the last seven South African batsmen for 41 runs for a six-run victory.

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"Just goes to show, if you believe you can win a game, you can, as Ireland proved the other day, we proved today."

GRAEME SWANN

Bautista finding his rhythm

6 Strikeouts for Jays left-hander Ricky Romero, who threw four scoreless innings and allowed only one hit, a single.

Jose Bautista enjoyed his productive, 3-for-3 day at the plate yesterday in the Toronto Blue Jays' 5-0 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

That it came against his old team made little difference.

"I just had a good day," the third baseman said. "It's nice to start getting that rhythm back and put some good swings on some balls."

Last year's major league home run champion doubled twice, scored two runs and drove in one.

Bautista was traded to the Blue Jays in August 2008 for backup catcher Robinzon Diaz. Last month he signed a five-year, $64 million US contract extension after hitting 54 home runs in 2010.

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▶ Ontario skip Glenn Howard calls to his sweepers, second Brent Laing, right, and lead Craig Savil, against Nova Scotia at the Brier in London yesterday.

Weekend warriors

Alberta and Manitoba jump out to perfect starts at Brier's first weekend
Canada's best curlers participate for love of sport, not the paycheques

You won't see an entourage trailing the competitors at the Tim Hortons Brier.

There are no tattoos in sight, the haircuts are neat and the jerseys are crisp. To many, it's a refreshing change from the overpaid, overhyped, image-conscious athletes who dominate the professional sports scene.

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"I think it's one of the appealing things to curling. It's a working man's sport."
ALBERTA THIRD JOHN MORRIS

The intensity is there on the ice at the John Labatt Centre but the smiles come just as easily. There's no bling, no attitude, no trash talk. These are normal guys with regular day jobs.

Ontario skip Glenn Howard is a beer store manager. Northern Ontario skip Brad Jacobs is a sales rep at Future Shop. New Brunswick skip James Grattan is a customer service agent for Air Canada.

It's all part of the appeal to an event that is very popular across the country.

"It's just a whole culture," Morris said. "I know that there's people that have probably been to the last 30 Briers and they have all these pins to show for it. It's a real cool culture to be a part of. I think it's what makes curling very unique."

Morris, who works as a firefighter back home, is off to a good start. His Alberta rink is tied with Manitoba's Jeff Stoughton at 3-0 after four draws of round-robin play.

Alberta skip Kevin Martin started the day with an 8-6 victory over New Brunswick before downing B.C.'s Jim Cotter 8-2 in seven ends yesterday afternoon.

It was Martin's record 29th straight Brier victory and 100th overall. Martin said he doesn't pay much attention to landmark achievements, adding his only big goal for down the road is to defend his Olympic title at the 2014 Sochi Games in Russia.

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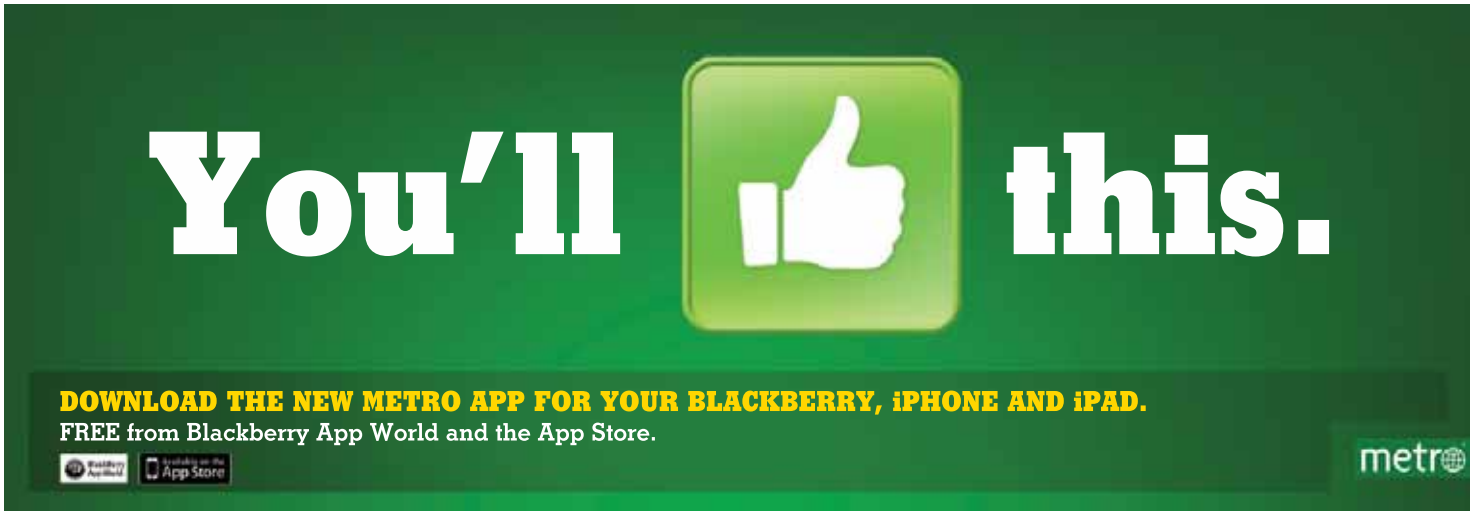
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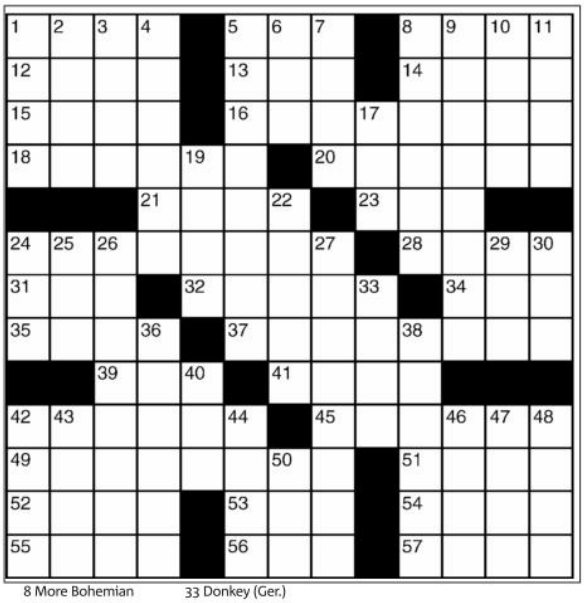

Across

1 "Dragnet" star Jack
5 Newcomer to society
8 Winged
12 Verbal
13 Raw mineral
14 Hindu princess
15 Aware of
16 Seizing (from)
18 Jason of football
20 Rural steps
21 — Hari
23 Verily
24 High standing
28 Not medium or well-done
31 Actor Harrison
32 "Get — on!"
34 "Ben-Hur" author Wallace
35 Grand story
37 Tending to excrete
39 "Quiet!"
41 Humdinger
42 Get
45 Holly plants
49 Inquiry
51 Alpha follower
52 Grecian vessels
53 Joke
54 Grandson of Adam
55 Initial stake
56 Timecard abbr.
57 Nebr. neighbor

Down

1 Courts
2 Sea eagle
3 Shower alternative
4 Becomes a flower
5 Period of inactivity
6 Goof up
7 Honey bunch?
8 More Bohemian
9 Muhammad's foot-step-following daughter
10 Bancroft or Boleyn
11 Fixes illegally
17 Pigpen
19 — -tat-tat
22 Galore, in disco-era jargon
24 Before (Pref.)
25 Agent, for short
26 Current
27 Twilight times
29 Gun the engine
30 Female sheep
33 Donkey (Ger.)
36 Gliding dance step
38 "Jeopardy!" emcee Alex
40 Smack
42 Blue shade
43 Rotate
44 At hand
46 TV's "Warrior Princess"
47 Harrow rival
48 Back talk
50 Rowing tool

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			1		4			
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8	2	6	1	9	7	4	3	5
9	1	4	8	3	5	7	6	2
4	8	1	7	5	2	6	9	3
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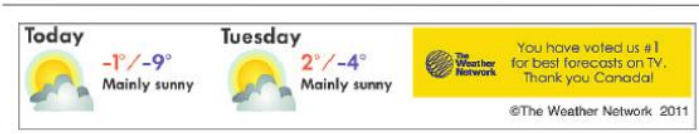

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You won't have much time for someone who is too lazy to get off their backside and make things happen – and you'll let them know.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 It may be tempting to start something new today but you know you should be biding your time and conserving your energy.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Play by the rules today, because if you cut corners in any way you will be found out and the results won't be too pleasant. People in positions of authority are watching you closely, so watch what you say and do.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 If you promised to do something for a friend but now find you don't want to, that's too bad. This is not something you can wriggle out of, not unless you are ready to see your reputation head south in a hurry!

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Far too many people seem to have a say in your life at the moment and you've got to make an effort to change that.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 The more someone insists that you follow their example the more you must insist that you will go your own way, thank you very much. This is a battle of wills you cannot afford to lose, so be ruthless.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If there is something that has been gnawing away at your conscience now is the time to admit your guilt.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Someone you work with has made a mistake and is looking around for someone on whom they can pin the blame. Don't let it be you. Let them know that you will not be the fall guy, now or in the future.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 It's not like you to be cautious but for some reason you're reluctant to make changes. According to the planets you are right to hold back because later in the week you'll be snowed under in unexpected events

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 When Uranus changes signs towards the end of the week a new world of possibilities will open up for you. Are you ready to take advantage of them?

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Something you said or did a few weeks ago will come back to upset your plans today, but there's nothing much you can do about it.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Try not to be too sensitive if someone makes a critical remark about you today. If they see you are hurt it will encourage them to be even more negative about you. Pretend you don't care. ● SALLY BROMPTON

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• ecoRoute • Qwerty or ABC keyboard
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